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Busting Out



Julie Appelhagen, senior, squirms under senior Jennifer John's maniacal grip. The two performed Neil Simon's The Odd Couple for variety show. Julie was a repressed divorcee and Jennifer was her wild friend who needs a date.

Erich Strausbaugh, senior and varsity basketball center, successfully defeats the block by his Chesterton opponents as he drives the lane for a 2 point lay-up. Teammates Ryan Fenters and Kurt Mattix stand aside for assistance.



Dances always prove to be a favorite event to attend to be with friends for a night of fun. Sophomore couples Dave Brubaker, Jayme Cundiff, Trisha Martin, Jason Skolak, Kim Moseley and Will Edmonds went to make the evening special.



The agony of not placing first dwells on many, but the chance to run a state cross country meet is a victory in itself. Junior Emily Frechette walks out her exhaustion and awaits her results of placing 33rd after running 2.5 miles.



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Busted!

PHS was definitely busted in the act this year! The 2,457 students were caught from the clothes they wore to being videotaped. The administration banned students from wearing co-ed naked sports shirts to guys wearing skirts or other crossing dressing. Portage Township installed The Silent Witness cameras on buses for the first time this year. Chicagoland and local news broadcasts came to Portage as soon as the news busted out that PHS was the birthing site for a baby and a former home to those who passed away during the year. Even the teachers busted their butt to educate students even though they worked half the year without signed contracts for updated raises and benefits. The administration changed positions with Mrs. Caren Prow becoming an assistant principal and Mr. John Broome becoming an assistant principal also. This is the last year for many academic programs. ISTEP testing will never again be taken and COH will not be around for another year.



Going to football games is fun, but going to the dances to celebrate a victory with friends is even more fun. Sophomore Salina Viera and junior Diana Vega take a break from dancing to hang out together.



Alumni Niccole Powers sang as participant Byron Chandler walked the stage to show-off his tuxedo for competition. This was the third year for the OYM scholarship program.



Around prom, two bridal shops donate formal wear for members of prom committee to put on a formal show. Junior Matt Godsey struts down the walkway as he takes off his jacket to display his vest underneath.

Between acts of the play Bull in a China Shop, actors and crew members got a chance to take a break and congregate. Detective O'Finn, sophomore Shawn Stutler, and crew member Sandi Samardzija break for a picture.

Bursting Out!

Throughout the school year it was evident that everyone burst with spirit in one way or another. The pride in PHS didn't stop vandals from tearing up the track and ruining the goal posts however. Many registered voters came out to the poles to protest their views on riverboat casino gambling in Lake and Porter County. Day of the Living Dead came alive when students helped SADD/STOP deliver the message to not drink and drive during the prom weekend. Dr. Donald Bivens, Superintendent of Portage Township schools, gave his final salutations as he retired and was replaced by Dr. George McKay. The media center caught up with the wave of technology when all the books were barcoded and the card catalog was replaced with computers. The tradition of floats at homecoming was for the first time seen at winter homecoming. Capital punishment was brought back in life when convicted felonist John Wayne Gacy was given the lethal injection to die. It took everyone at PHS to show the pride that burst out during the year.



The annual Christmas Dance in the Commons is a time for friends and sweethearts to be together. Seniors Kriesha Utley, John Vuko, Vickie Perez and Ed Rodriguez went as couples and Don Austin and Carla Addison attended as friends.



Senior mid-term graduate Camelia Ibrahim walks on the stage to accept her hard-earned diploma from Dr. Donald Bivens. Camelia was one of 66 seniors to graduate mid-term.



Juniors Kelly Knapp and Dawn Fessler congratulate prom princess Robynne Lute with hugs of affection. Robynne was voted princess by the juniors who attended prom.

Senior Jim Bolin dribbles the ball into the open as his opponents try to block him from scoring a winning goal by surrounding him on the field. Jim has played on the varsity team for two years.

Busting With Individuality

Busting with pride, enthusiasm and spirit were just a few of the emotions expressed in student life .

Many activities were provided to students to let out some of the stress of the academic aspect of school.

Madonna, also known as senior Dan Harrell, expressed himself in the Airband for the third year. Friday nights for most students meant spending time at a Varsity Football or a Varsity Basketball game. Also, role playing was a smash hit with the plays "Bull in the China Shop " and "Annie ." Dressing up was a lot of fun at "Holiday Magic" and "Beyond the Stars." Finally, at the end of the year, most seniors broke out of school at graduation.

All these activities made busting out a blast.



Boys will be girls as senior Dan Sullivan, along with juniors Roger Worak, Paul Smith, Ryan Reager and Steve Letic bust a move in their cheerleading costumes at the Halloween Dance on Oct. 20 from 8-10 p.m.

Expressing themselves at Airband on Oct. 29, seniors Crystal Henderson, Dan Harrell (Madonna) and Julie Appelhagen perform their act to "Madonna and the Girly Show Tour." The group won second place at the contest.



Summer

Summer is looked upon by many as a time to relax and maybe earn some money. Students everywhere enjoy going to the beach and going places with friends. They sleep late and party all night long. A recent idea concerning invoking year round school would ruin these summers of fun and excitement.

Sophomore Christy Ramian said, "I want my summer off! If year round school did happen no one would learn anything because we'd be off one month out of every four, we'd constantly be reviewing!"

"I think the 'day after' I graduate they should start year round school, but they should be allowed to wear hats during the summer months," senior Danielle Robertson joked.

"I would really miss going to the beach, going to parties and waking up late because that's what summer is all about fun, friends and parties," said sophomore Kim Moseley.

Freshmen Phil Vargas and Ed Recktenwall went to Kings Island with their sisters Vanessa and Jen last summer.

"If we had year round school we wouldn't be able to go anywhere for vacation," said Ed.

Sophomore Mike Foley said, "I went to Daytona Beach in Florida this summer and met a lot of hot babes! Okay, I didn't really do that, but I would have liked to because it would be cool to meet hot girls from Daytona Beach."

Mike also said, "If I had to go to school all year round my dreams of possibly meeting hot girls in Florida would never have a chance to come true."

"When summer started we bought a boat, so I spent most of my summer down on Bass Lake water skiing and tubing. I really enjoy water skiing because it's a lot of fun," sophomore Shawn Fidler said.

Many family excursions would be ruined or at least curtailed if year round school came into effect. Although many people feel it would improve students grades, it could possibly be the downfall of family life.

Summer gives many families time to spend together. It gives friends more time to enjoy the presence of one another and summer flings flourish.

Another problem with year round school would be holding jobs. It doesn't seem possible for a student to go to school and to hold down a full time job at the same time.

Although junior Jamie Hamilton said, "Going to school in the summer wouldn't really make much difference because most students only work two or three days a week."

... Jenn Buegler



Seniors Beth Shurman and Dana Wellman have lots of fun in the sun at the Annual Marching Band Banquet. Members of the band travel to several competitions in the summer.

Freshmen Lisa Camacho, Jessica Arredondo, Taliza Shorter, Jennifer Cloyd and Melissa Carpenter hang out together playing basketball at Melissa's house. Although freshmen were nervous about coming to high school, they still had fun in the summer.





ophomores George Ferguson, Terry Wampler, Mike Foley and Joel Alderson take a break during their Driver's Education class. Many students choose summer school as an alternative to taking classes during the regular school year.



uniors Anne Crockett, Tanya Jarvis and senior Leslie Crockett show off their crazy hairstyles. The cheerleaders lost their spirit stick in the bleachers at the annual camp they attend and had to wear their hair like this all day.



ophomores Joe Christian, Kelly McAllister, Susan Lewis, Amanda Griffith, Valentine Torres, Jany Hocthkiss, and Kim Moseley huddle together for a picture at Joe's 16th birthday party. Summer parties occupy most PHS students time.



ophomores April Koukol, Denise Henderson and freshman Kelly Kruger went to Chicago over their summer vacation. Students take time off to go shopping and visit the museums in Chicago.



Fall Homecoming

Fall Homecoming contained all the usual excitements. Students dressed up for Spirit Week wearing flannels, slippers, crazy socks and ties, hippie clothing and of course red and white.

During the week, nominations were made for Homecoming Queen. Candidates were seniors Leslie Crockett, Jennifer Fisher, Candice Modesto, Holly Misecko and Jill Ziemer.

Sophomore Tim Fast said, "Homecoming was fun for me because the float was at my house."

Floats were built by each class. The Student Council decided to have a theme for the floats this year with each class doing a different era. First place went to the Junior class float which consisted of a juke box representing the 50's. The class also dressed up and walked behind their float.

As in the past, float bashing existed, only this time violence was involved. Some students were beat up at a float meeting which was the beginning of the controversy.

Junior Sean Connors said, "The fights were stupid they were over stupid stuff. The emphasis of competition should be taken off the floats."

The night of Thursday, Oct. 7 consisted of the parade, pep session and bon fire. At the pep session Chris Schaefer was announced winner of the Cutest Baby Contest. The Poms and Varsity Cheerleaders performed. The seniors were over-all Spirit Week Winners so senior Dee-Dee Rodriguez got to smash a pie into the face of freshman Izzy DeJesus, the less spirited Freshman Class President.

Admist all the excitement, senior Joe Foster was thrown into the air and....not caught! He was injured and had to leave in an ambulance.

The bon fire went well but an incident at a local fast food restaurant continued the controversy. Some more students were beaten up. This event resulted in a talk from Principal Mr. Forrest Rhode about possibly not having Homecoming next year if things did not go well at the game.

Sophomore Kim Moseley said, "Homecoming was obnoxious. They're so many immature people at Portage High School. They have no consideration for others."

Oct. 8, Friday morning, students voted for Homecoming Queen. The game took place that night in the pouring rain against the Valparaiso Vikings. The Indians were winning 14-0 when half-time rolled around. Jennifer Fisher won Homecoming Queen and Jeff Chadwick was voted Mr. Football by his teammates. Despite leading at half-time, the Indians lost Homecoming to the Vikings 21-14.

Freshman Matt Atherton said, "The only thing I'd change about Homecoming would've been to win the game, everything else was really fun."

... Jenn Buerger



omcoming Queen senior Jennifer Fisher was escorted by Mr. Football senior Jeff Chadwick. The Indians lost their Home-

ing to Valpo, 21-24.



junior Danny Schultz, senior Kerry Hodsdon and junior Mike Sandoval dressed up for "Hippie Day" during Spirit Week.

Students also dressed in flannels, crazy socks and ties and slippers.

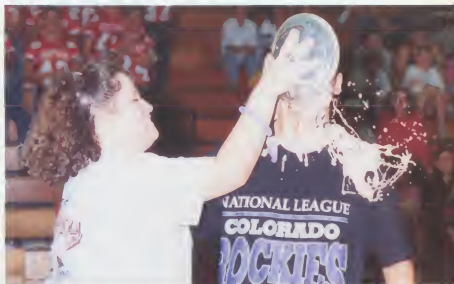




Junior Ryan Banogan slaps hands with sophomore Nick Wellman after a good play in the Homecoming game against Valparaiso. Junior Joe Kovats prepares to do the same.



Senior Class President Dee-Dee Rodriguez smashes a pie into the face of Freshman Class President Izzy DeJesus. The seniors were overall Spirit Week Winners.



Seniors Ryan Fenters, Dustin Simmons, Erich Strausbaugh, Joe Foster, Jerry Greer, Steve Rose, Ryan Jones and Tommy Berger show their class spirit as they get behind their team at the pep rally. A bon fire was directly after the pep rally.



Seniors Danielle Robertson, Tonya Kirchner, Lisa Manna, Gina Gesmond and Lesa Strausbaugh dressed as mobsters. The senior float was a replica of the Roaring 20's.

Young Woman of the Year

Young Woman of the Year, a scholarship competition formerly known as Junior Miss, took place in the early days of June with 42 senior girls participating.

In this competition, the young ladies compete in three different categories. The first is physical fitness. The ladies performed a five minute aerobics routine to the theme song of "Fame."

Senior Danielle Robertson said, "The fitness routine was tiring, but we all had a lot of fun performing it."

Senior Melissa Chavez said, "I'm glad they made us do a fitness routine because everyone got in shape for the summer."

The second aspect of competition was presence and composure. In this segment, the young women glided to the song "Dream a Little Dream."

Senior Tanya Kirchner said, "Presence was so hard to learn because you had to be somewhat coordinated; but when we all got up there on stage we knew that all those long practices were worth it."

Junior Dana Wellman said, "Young Woman of the Year taught me a lot about myself and some of the girls I never knew before became my good friends. We didn't really focus on the competition aspects of the program; we concentrated on becoming better people. It was a learning experience that I will always hold close to my heart."

The final aspect of the competition was talent. The students who participated got on stage and showed off their stuff. This part of the competition was made-up by the participants.

Senior Leslie Crockett, who was crowned Portage's 1993-94 Young Woman of the Year, said "I searched for a talent forever—nothing seemed quite right. Then I finally decided to play 'Memory' on my violin, it really payed off."

Senior Jennifer Fisher said, "Young Woman of the Year was a good chance for all the senior girls to get to know each other."

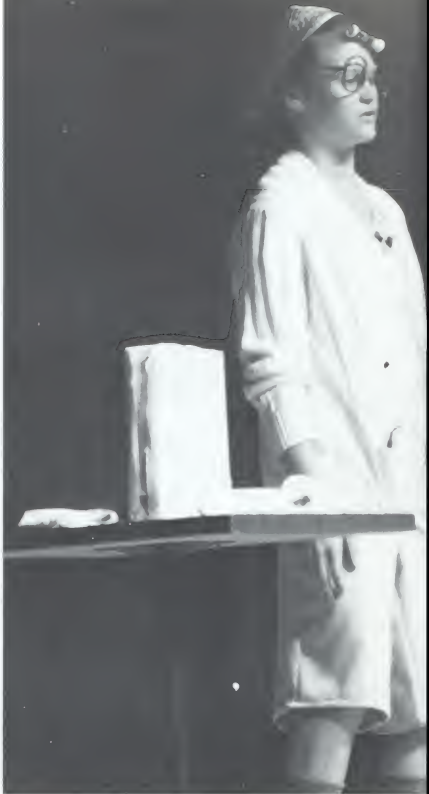
Senior Shital Sheth said, "It was a lot of fun everyone became closer and worked together, it seemed like we all cared about each other a lot more afterwards."

Senior Lesa Strasbaugh said, "Young Woman of the Year was a lot of fun, it gave me a chance to get to know a lot of people I never knew before."

Every year after the program, the senior girls all say that Young Woman of the Year brought their class closer.

At the close of the competition, when all of the audience went home, the spirit of the program remained in both the empty auditorium and in the memories of the ladies who participated.

... Jenn Buerger
Gina Gesmond



Senior Tracey Szoslek performs her comedy routine during the performing arts section of the Young Woman of the Year Competition. Tracey won the non-finalist award with this routine.

Seniors Shital Sheth, Beth Shurman and Melissa Chavez danced to "Dream a Little Dream" while being judged on presence and composure. Senior escort Dan McWhirter looks on.





Senior Danie Nobles embraces senior Shital Sheth after being announced finalists in "The Young Woman of the Year" pageant. Only twelve finalists were chosen out of the 42 girls in the pageant.



Senior candidates eagerly wait for the finalists to be announced. A week full of hard work and preparation was put into the program. The ladies rehearsed their talent acts and stage presence routines as well as choreographed the fitness routine number.



Senior Leslie Crockett, Young Woman of the Year 1993, is congratulated by Young Woman of the Year 1992 Miss Tara Denk and Outstanding Young Man 1993 Mr. Jacob Adams.



Senior Danielle Robertson is awarded First Runner Up by Mr. Jay Martin, one of the award presenters. She is cheered on by her competitors and friends.



Airband

Airband is a tradition at Portage High School. The spirit of those performing radiates energy into the crowd.

This year groups ranged from "Madonna" to "James Brown and Apollo Creed."

Mrs. Tina Romano, one of the supervisors for Airband said, "The hardest part about organizing is picking the groups and then making sure they were all there on time."

Freshman Megan Edmonds said, "Airband had good acts, they were all funny but Madonna was the funniest."

First place went to the "New Kids on the Block" which consisted of seniors Byron Chandler, Ryan Fenters, Chris Schaefer, Tommy Berger and Kurt Mattix singing "Hangin' Tough."

Second Place went to "Madonna and the Girly Show Tour" with seniors Dan Harrell, Jen Volk, Jenny Johns, Crystal Henderson and Julie Appelhagan.

Third place went to juniors Michelle Olivencia, Denise Lilly, Sherri Stamper, Kelly Knapp, Kim Pieper, Vanessa Vargas, Jaime Rogers and Trina Schaefer who performed "Summer Nights" from the movie *Grease*.

Fourth place went to "James Brown and Apollo Creed" which consisted of seniors Cruz Rosales, Jim McMurray and Dan Scholebo and juniors Dave Skolak, Clint Pullen and Mike Jaso.

The "Nine Non-Living Poms and Michael Jackson" received Honorable Mention.

Junior Mike DeLeon said, "The girls from *Grease* were the best because Sherri Stamper wore a skirt."

Airband 1993 was the first time many saw Sherri appear in public in a skirt. She also amazed everyone by doing backflips across the stage.

Sophomore Erika Murrow said, "'Thriller' was the best because Michael Jackson is my idol, he is the best singer and dancer in the world!"

Sophomore Alicia Smith said, "The boys in New Kids on the Block were the best because they were awesome looking!"

Junior Karl Wiseman said, "Bob Wineland's act was the best because he was up there all by himself and he was funny."

Sophomore Melissa Fekete said, "I thought *Grease* was the best because Kelly Knapp looked really cute!"

Voting took place after every group preformed. Students and parents voted for two groups. The votes were counted by sophomore student council members during the intermission. The groups with the most votes got to come back and do an encore presentation. Airband was very entertaining and a marvelous time was had by all who attended.

... Jenn Buegler



senior Dan Harrell rips his dress off while performing "Madonna: the Girly Show Tour."

Dan was really excited to be performing in Airband his sophomore year.



juniors Dave Skolak, Mike Jaso and Clint Pullen and senior Dan Scholebo performed "James Brown and Apollo Creed." They were awarded fourth place. Their

high intensity performing style amused the crowd.





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Senior Vanessa Vargas is flipped over junior Trina Schaefer's back in a stunt performed to "Summer Nights" from the hit movie *Grease*. The girls practiced hard to be able to do these stunts.

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Seniors Cat Billick, Tanya Kirchner and Danielle Robertson and sophomore Bob Billick performed to a song from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." This show is a favorite of many Portage High School students.



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Seniors Ryan Fenters, Chris Schaefer, Byron Chandler, Tom Berger and Kurt Mattis perform to the New Kids on the Block's "Hangin' Tough." Their enthusiastic act enabled them to take home first place.

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Seniors Janira Fontanez, Diana Vega and Jessica Wright pick their personal favorites and mark them down on their ballots. The audience was very enthused with Airband '93 as the performers tried to please the crowd since they ultimately decide the winners.

Bull in a China Shop

"Bull in a China Shop" was selected as one of the best mystery stories of the year. So, it was an excellent selection for the talented actresses and actors of Portage High School.

At 909 Sycamore Street there was a boarding house for ancient females, ancient females who somewhat despised one another for the love of a homicide detective, Mr. Dennis O'Finn, played by sophomore Shawn Stutler.

Throughout the play the women try to figure out how they can get O'Finn to come over to their boarding house. They figure that if he was a plumber they could break a sink or something; but since he's a homicide detective, the only way to get him to come over would be to murder someone, and that is exactly what one of them does.

Senior Dana Wellman definitely was not a new character to the Portage High School stage. She's been involved in various productions such as "Mame," "Up the Down Staircase" and "Funny Girl."

"Although I liked acting in 'Bull in a China Shop' it wasn't my favorite, my favorite was definitely 'Funny Girl,' because I love to sing. I feel great when I'm on stage and I'm not nervous because all I have to do is... act. It's not like the musicals where you have to sing and act. It seems like a lot less people go to the plays than the musicals, probably because they feel that the plays are less entertaining. I think that the funniest thing that happened during the play was when Shawn missed a line and I tried to feed it to him. He ended up skipping like three pages of dialogue," said Dana.

For junior Josie Werhowatz "Bull in a China Shop" was a big experience because it was her first Portage High School play. Before coming to Portage Josie attended an all girls school called Saxon Academy, where she acted in "The Final Dress Rehearsal" and "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas."

"I liked acting in this play. It was a lot of fun. Definitely the funniest thing that happened during the play was when Shawn skipped like three pages of dialogue. I kept thinking of something to say to get him back on track but nothing came to mind. Finally Dana said something about a murder which was even more funny because we weren't supposed to be telling him anything in the play. But it seemed like no one in the audience even noticed."

Something interesting about Josie is that she tried out for a part in the hit movie "Sister Act 2." She was called back once for her singing but ended up not getting the part.

Whether its a play or a musical, the actors and actress of Portage put an unbelievable amount of time into their work and it shows through in their performances.

... Jenn Buerger



Senior Jenny Johns and juniors Josie Werhowatz and Alyn Sanders work hard at play practice. Many long practices went into making the play a huge success.

Sophomore Kaimi Blaha and junior Christina Timm await the unlocking of the doors on opening night. They helped out by passing out programs and helping Mr. Joe Stevens back stage.





eniors Danielle Robertson and Dana Wellman rehearse their lines for an emotional climax in the play where they begin to argue over the handsome detective. Danielle played Miss Hildegadre and Dana played Miss Nettie.



uniors Josie Werhowitz and Jamie Jablonski were dressed and ready, eagerly awaiting the opening of "Bull in a China Shop." This was Josie's first time on the Portage High School stage, a contrast to veteran actress Jamie.



he cast of "Bull in a China Shop" gets together for a picture before the opening curtain call. All their hard work paid off when the play was a success.



unior Dawn Bunker and sophomore Alan Washburn get rid of some opening night jitters by sharing a fun moment. This was Alan's first PHS performance.



Holiday Magic

Portage High School students were busting with energy as they danced the night of Dec. 18 away at the annual Christmas Dance.

"The kids had many meetings to decide what the theme should be they finally decided on 'Winter Fantasy' because they had a lot of scenes for the pictures. This dance was one of the best attended we've ever had," said Mr. Ron Hancock, Student Council Advisor.

The cost of the dance was \$12 per couple, the tickets went on sale two weeks prior to the dance. The dance was formal. Although there were brighter colors, most students chose to wear basic black, dark blues and dark greens.

The decorations consisted of many red and white balloons hung around the Commons with white lights strung through them.

Couple and group pictures were taken by Halterman in the South Cafeteria. Those people ordering pictures were given keychains to put them in so that they could remember the dance everytime they unlocked something.

Sophomore Jeff Levenda said, "The only thing bad about pictures was that we spent too much time taking them."

Admited all the pleasure and enjoyment of the evening, time was taken out for junior Don Hopkins to make an announcement. Don asked senior Stacy Fields if she would marry him, after he gave a speech proclaiming his love for her. Stacy accepted the proposal.

Junior Tori Pastoriza said, "I thought the engagement was kinda cute but in a way it was kinda corny because they have only been going out for about eight months."

The dance is only three hours long so many couples choose to extend the night either earlier or later into the evening.

Senior Tony Starr said, "My date, Kerry Kubeck, and I went to Rosewood before the dance and we got stuck in the banquet room by ourselves while the friends we were meeting there were seated in the front."

Freshman Dan Forney said, "I didn't go to the dance because my girlfriend dissed me and went with another guy."

Freshman Kari Horne said, "The dance was boring because we had to wait in line for pictures way too long."

Freshman Jaclyn Repay said, "The dance was boring because there was nothing to do. Afterwards we went to a friends house to watch a movie."

Sophomore Jessi Mann said, "My date and I had fun we went to Camelot after the dance to go bowling."

... Jenn Buergher



sophomores David Brubaker, Jayme Cundiff, Trisha Martin, Jason Skolak, Kim Moseley and Will Edmonds took time out of their dancing to take a picture. The Commons area was decorated with many colorful balloons.



faculty members and their spouses helped chaperone the dance. Cookies, punch and candy were available to the students.





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Senior Tammy Griffey and PHS graduate John Bridegroom share a moment at the dance. Many couples enjoy going to the dance although many students just go as friends.

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Seniors Vicki Fisher and Joe Linfield hand a bag of complimentary candy to freshman Steve Kinder and his date sophomore Kaimi Blaha. Sophomore Julie Castro looks on.



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Freshman Justin Schowzich helps his friend freshmen Mike Pickering by spraying breath freshener in his mouth. Freshman Chris Henderson quickly jumps out of the way.

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The Student Council Dance Committee spent many hours decorating the Commons. Their hard work paid off in the result of beautiful decorations.

Winter Homecoming

Winter Homecoming was fun despite the loss to Chesterton, 66-55. During the week, nominations were made for Homecoming King, Queen, Prince and Princess.

Nominations for Queen were seniors Candy Modesto, Jill Ziemer, Holly Misceko, Rebekah Brajacki and Danie Nobles.

Nominations for King were seniors Byron Chandler, Kurt Mattix, Tommy Berger, Ryan Fenters and Erik Wiseman.

Nominations for Princess were juniors Dawn Fessler, Robynne Lute, Jennifer Recktenwall, Denise Lilly and Trina Schaefer.

Nominations for Prince were juniors Erik Taylor, Jason Dudley, Dave Skolak, Matt Mongoven and Steve Letic.

The Homecoming Court members were announced at half-time of the game. They were escorted in by their parents. The winners were Modesto, Chandler, Fessler and Dudley.

Sophomore Jessica Hufford said, "Homecoming was really fun other than the fact we lost, it would be nice to win one of these days."

For the first time, the Student Council decided to have mini floats for halftime of the game. The Freshmen Class won with their toilet that "Flushed the Trojans."

Spirit Week contained the usual competition between classes. The dress up days were "Long John and Boxer Day," "Inside Out Day," "Class Color Day," "Big Ten and Chicago Team Day" and "Red and White Day."

Junior Jen Holm said, "Homecoming was really fun this year and it was much better than Fall Homecoming because there were no fights."

Sophomore Aaron Chinn said, "Homecoming was boring because we lost. I think we lost Homecoming this year because our team doesn't have much talent. We will do better next year because the JV team is good. They have Jason Hallenbeck."

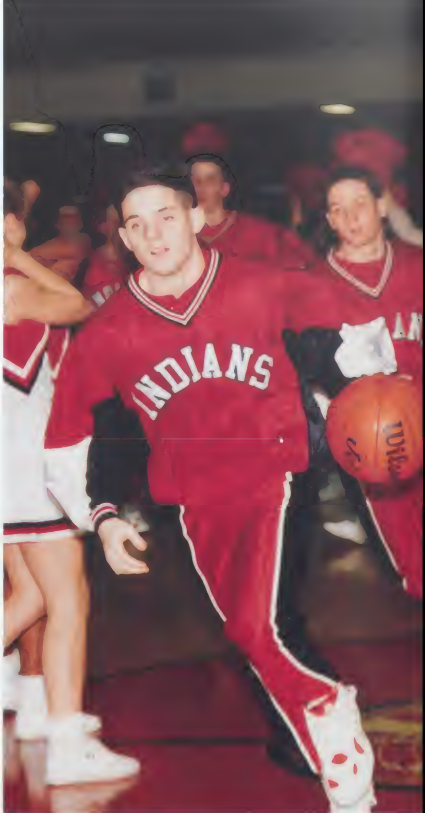
Senior Carl Morris said, "Homecoming was very fun this year for me because I knew all the candidates and I enjoyed hanging around with my friends."

After it seemed like all the excitement had died down at the end of the game, PHS students noticed there was still more to come. The Homecoming Dance was held directly after the game in the Commons.

Sophomore Wendy Gilbert said, "The dance was very crowded. I guess there was really nothing anyone could have done to improve it though. The advantage to it was that all my friends were there so it was a lot of fun."

The announcement of "The Spirit Week Winning Class" was very exciting for all who participated in the various competitions. Many were surprised to find that the Sophomore Class won despite never winning a class competition in the past few years.

... Jenn Buergler



he "Berger Brothers" Tom, senior, and Andy, freshman, run out onto the court before the Homecoming game. The Bergers were one of few families to have boys, four years apart, starting varsity.



new addition to Winter Homecoming were the mini floats. The freshmen won the competition with their little toilet that "Flushed the Trojans."





enior Candice Modesto is congratulated by her fellow queen candidates after winning the title "Winter Homecoming Queen." Candice was also nominated for "Fall Homecoming Queen" and "Winter Homecoming Princess" her junior year.



he varsity players listen to Coach Fisher during a timeout in the Homecoming game. Despite falling short to Chesterton, the Indians showed their tremendous work ethic in their performances.



unior Homecoming Princess candidates Dawn Fessler, Denise Lilly, Robynne Lute, Jennifer Reckenwall and Trina Schaefer eagerly await the announcement of the winner. Fessler followed in the footsteps of her older sisters Dina and Debra by winning.



fter the game, the Homecoming Dance was held in the Commons. Juniors Joe Kovats and Clay Davis show off their stuff while their classmates gather round. The Winter Homecoming dance is one of the most popular dances of the school year.

Annie

Just as Annie broke into the heart of the billionaire, Mr. Oliver Warbucks, "Annie" the Spring Musical broke into the hearts of the audience as well as the cast itself.

This was the first musical directed by Mr. William Bodnar in 10 years. Mr. Bodnar said, "I didn't have any more trouble directing this musical than is normally expected. The cast was really great and easy to work with. Directing a musical is a little harder than directing a play because you have to worry about choreography and of course the music."

Sophomore Tammy Kiser who played Jane, the bum, said, "I really enjoyed working with Mr. Bodnar. The musical was really a lot of fun, despite in the beginning a lot of us fought over choreography."

The lead was given to sophomore Julie Castro who portrayed the orphan, Annie.

"Julie is a wonderful singer and actress. She's very talented and easy to work with because she follows direction so well. Julie never steals the show, instead she uses her ability to make the others around her look even better," said Mr. Bodnar.

"The funniest thing that happened during the play was when Matt Brown's dog wouldn't come to Julie on Saturday night," said Kiser.

Sophomore Julie Castro said, "The dog would have come to me if Quinton wouldn't have been holding on to him so much. The play was a lot of fun but the worst part was all the late practices."

Junior Freddie Castro said, "Julie is a great singer and a great sister. The best part about all the productions at PHS is just the fact that you get to be on stage acting. I thought the funniest thing that happened in the play was when we were doing the cabinet scene and Travis messed up and said 'Ooops!' on stage."

Sophomore Kaimi Blaha who played Grace Farrell was not a stranger to the PHS stage, after participating in the fall play.

Blaha said, "Being in the play was a great experience. The only bad part was how late we all got home from rehearsals. But, it was all really worth it in the end. The funniest thing that happened was when the dog wouldn't come to Julie in Saturday's show."

Mr. Bodnar said, "There was a lot more people who tried out for parts in the play than were actually casted. When Julie tried out there was no question about who was going to play the part of Annie, she just has natural talent."

The Spring Musical was a success because of the dedicated performers who spent hours rehearsing and practicing to make it a success.

The cast would like to congratulate Mr. Bodnar who showed us all that 10 years has not hurt his musical directing touch at all.

... Jenn Buergler



sophomore Julie Castro, who played the part of Annie, enjoys singing to her new friend and companion Sandy, the dog.



Senior Dave Henderson, Daddy Warbucks, expresses how much he loves New York City on his refreshing walk to the movies with his personal secretary, Miss Grace Farrell portrayed by sophomore Kaimi Blaha and his visiting orphan Annie played by sophomore Julie Castro.





Freshman Stephanie Collins plays "A Future Star" in the Spring Musical "Annie." Stephanie's role included a solo at center stage.

Senior Dana Wellman uses her make-up talents to make sophomore Alan Washburn look the part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Most of the make-up artistry is done by members of the cast or junior Holly Foreman.



Sophomore Julie Castro, Annie, decides to run away from the orphanage. Unfortunately, she doesn't succeed because sophomore Shawn Stutler who played the officer brings her back to junior Jamie Jablonski who portrayed Miss Hanagan.

The orphans at the orphanage had a "Hard Knock Life" and they sang and danced all about it in their room while Miss Hanagan was drunk.

Variety Show

Variety means many different kinds of things and that is exactly what the Variety Show on Mar. 11 exhibited.

Junior Michael David said, "I was taping the show in the balcony, barefoot, because it sounded like a good idea. The show had its good acts and its bad acts. My favorite was the band 'Subject to Change' because I have a lot of friends in it. Overall I'd have to say, I'm glad I got in for free."

Junior Toby Hensley said, "The show was pretty good. I thought Jamie Rogers' monologue was the best because it made me sad. It was very heart touching."

Out of the 60 groups auditioning for the show only 25 were chosen to perform. The auditions were held one week prior to the show itself. Those performing had one practice on Mar. 9.

Sophomore Lizzie Garner said, "I loved the spoons guy (senior Bob Wineland) because he was a stud and it was the best act."

Freshman Heather Gish said, "The senior boys who did 'New York-New York' were so funny. Chris Schaefer and Ryan Fenters really looked like girls."

Freshman Mandy Strain said, "I thought the two country singers who sang the Clint Black song were the best because I love that song. I also thought the 'Wayne's World' act was really good too because they were very funny."

Freshman Ryan Bonner said, "The spoons guy was really satisfying! He was definitely the best act. I also liked the girls who wore the tight shirts. They could really dance."

A very special presentation was given by Portage High School graduates Jason Aiesmer and Garth Miller. They played their drums. Just when everyone thought they were about to finish, they blindfolded themselves and played equally well. Both boys attend college and are drummers in separate bands.

Sophomore Shana Pollock said, "The senior boys who did 'New York-New York' were really funny and they made me laugh. The spoons guy was really awesome too."

Senior David Brasser said, "I went there expecting to see a lot of boring singing but there actually were a lot of different things. I was surprised."

Junior Mindy Witt said, "I enjoyed the whole show really. I thought everyone did a good job with what they chose to do."

There was a little something for everyone at the 1994 Variety Show. Whether it be singing, dancing, instruments or comedy, there was a little bit of everything. But after all that's what variety means.....a little bit of everything.

... Jenn Buerger



"Snoop."

senior Bob Wineland performed "The Devil Came Down to Georgia" on the spoons. He started out pretending he was rapping to



quartet of girls, including sophomores Kaimi Blaha and Julie Castro and juniors Sarah Mitchell and Stephanie Wilson, decided to sing together for the Variety Show. "We practiced about two times on our own," said Blaha.





unior Ryan Ritter dared to be different this year at the Variety Show. Ritter, along with his band Slayer, sang "Song of a Gun" and "Confusion" in his stylish boxer shorts.



eniors Maria Pena and Martha Gonzalas danced to the song "If" by Janet Jackson. Their routine was one that made the Variety Show full of different things.



unions Tricia Swindle (Wayne), Sarah Mitchell (Garth) and Jenny Drancheck (Nancy Kerrigan), go over some important information regarding the top five best sounding names in the Olympics.



enior Eddie Escalante performed a rap song for the Variety Show as he has done in past years. Eddie also owns and operates a D.J. business along with his cousin junior Freddie Castro.



Beyond the Stars

As the stars twinkled in the sky, many couples walked right on by... through the door of the Expo Center May 6 right on 'Beyond the Stars' to Prom '94.

Mr. Larry Tharp said, "Prom is a great experience for young adults to be exposed to mature dressed up behavior. There was a great deal of maturity in the atmosphere at prom."

Senior Jim McMurry said, "Prom was stupendous! What made it great was my girlfriend, she was beautiful. The way her dress looked, her make-up and the way her mom did her hair were all awesome."

Sophomore Wendy Gilbert said, "Everyone told me that prom wasn't that big of a deal, but after attending prom, I would have to disagree. I thought prom was a big deal and it was really fun."

Senior exchange student Carla Munoz said, "In Chile we have no prom so this was my first. I was amazed at how big it is and how much money is spent on it."

Many people had different opinions on the cost that was involved along with attending the prom.

Gilbert said, "I think it was pretty expensive to attend prom but it was definitely worth it with the dress and everything else."

Tharp said, "Since I don't have any children attending the prom now it's not that big of a deal to me, but I'm beginning to wonder where it's going to end. I mean what's next? Helicopters?!"

Mr. Jim Goetz added, "The cost of prom and everything that goes along with it is outrageous!"

There were many differences when Prom '94 was compared to the proms attended by Mr. Tharp and Mr. Goetz.

"When I went to prom the dresses the girls wore were more girlish and less modelish and the garter ceremony was private and not public in front of everyone," said Mr. Goetz.

Mr. Tharp said, "There is definitely more involvement in dancing now. I mean these kids are 'Dance Machines.' A lot more money is spent on prom now than when we went."

During the prom, time was taken out for the Junior Class President, Sarah Mitchell, to read the Senior Dedication. After the dedication, the royalty, which were voted on previously, were announced.

The Prom King and Queen were seniors Kent Fisher and Satin Heroux. The Prom Prince and Princess were juniors Jason Innes and Robynne Lute.

Many students attend Prom both their junior and senior years of high school.

McMurry said, "I went to prom my junior and senior years but my senior year was the best because I went with my girlfriend."

Whether students have attended prom with a boyfriend or girlfriend or just a friend, the memories made at 'Beyond the Stars' will never be forgotten.

... Jenn Buerger



Senior Lesly Glands danced with her date for the prom, PHS graduate Jim Tinnel. Many PHS students attend prom with graduated students or students from other schools.



Seniors Nikki Batides and Jerry Greer arrived at prom with the various items they may want throughout the advancement of the evening. Many students brought hats, shoes, sweatshirts or extra nylons along with them to prom.





senior class President Sarah Mitchell, who served on the Prom Committee, read the senior dedication right before the announcement of the royalty. Both the dedication and the royalty are traditions at PHS.



senior Jason Imes was announced Prom Prince of "Beyond the Stars." His fellow classmates and court members, juniors Jason Dudley and Steve Letic, congratulated him.



senior Holly Misecko watches as her date senior Ryan Fenters removes her garter with his teeth during the garter ceremony. The garter ceremony is a tradition at prom and has been for several years.



sophomores Valentine Torres, Chris Huerta and Trisha Martin help the Junior Class Prom Committee by accepting tickets at the door of the Expo Center.

Spring Break '94

Palm trees, sunshine and refreshing waters greeted many students along with the arrival of Spring Break '94.

Spring Break was equally fun for some people who had to stay home in good 'ole Portage, Indiana because of their jobs or practice schedules.

Senior Rebekah Brajcki said, "I decided to go check out colleges during my Spring Break. Out of all the colleges I looked at I liked South East Missouri State University the best."

Junior Freddie Castro said, "I spent my vacation working out lifting weights for football next year. I haven't played before but I want to play defensive end. I also went out with my girlfriend to the movies but I don't remember what movie we saw."

Sophomore Laura Tinnel said, "During Spring Break I went down state to see Valpo play in the finals. It was really fun, basically because we didn't have any school."

Freshman Sidney Hodsen said, "I spent practically my whole vacation at track practices. They weren't that bad because we spent most of the time long jumping."

Sophomore Jaime Wallace said, "I moved to Portage from Cedar Rapids, Ohio over Spring Break. It wasn't exactly a fun vacation but I like it here and I've made a few new friends."

Freshman Stephanie Collins said, "I went on a cruise in the Bahamas with my family. It was really fun. I got to go swimming with the dolphins."

Nurse Assistant Mrs. Clara Lilly said, "Over Spring Break I cleaned my house. We got new carpet and had a painting party with the kids. I had the help of my daughters."

Freshman Charlie Greer said, "I spent my entire Spring Break playing baseball. It was fun because I didn't get cut."

Many students, especially those trying out for the baseball team, had to postpone or forgo their Spring Breaks because of practices. This can be very upsetting to those who stay home and then get cut from the team the last day of break.

Most of the students who had to stay home found that most of their free time was spent hanging around with other students who had chosen or were forced to stay home as well.

Whether it was in some place warm, scanning the beaches for awesome dudes or happening chicks, working, practicing or veggin out in front of the T.V., Spring Break '94 will never be forgotten for the simple fact that during it....there was no school.

... Jenn Buergler



reshman Stephanie Collins went on a cruise over Spring Break '94. On the cruise she met a few new friends includ-

ing this dolphin.



uniors Kim Pieper and Michelle Olivencia, along with senior Stephanie Snoder, caught some rays over their Spring Breaks.

Many students chose Florida for their vacationing needs.





enior Bryon Clouse spent his vacation at Daytona Beach checking out all the girls, but he took some time out to catch a little four-wheeler action.



eniors Candi Modesto and Holly Misseck spent their vacation in Orlando, Florida. They had a great time and met some exotic friends along the way.



eniors Satin Heroux, Jill Ziemer, Christi Twilliger and Desi Carrillo went to Orlando, Florida for their vacations. They spent some of their time hanging out at the Ramada Inn, 'home' for the week.



eniors Tommy Berger, Kurt Mattix and Bryon Chandler went to Tennessee for Spring Break '94. Over the course of the week the boys spent a lot of time fishing however, they only caught one fish.



Final Barrier

Many tears gently glided down the faces of PHS seniors and their friends as they were together for the last time as a whole class on the night of June 3.

As 1994 was Superintendent Dr. Donald Bivens last year at the Portage School System, he was asked to address the senior class.

Dr. Bivens said, "Everything important was summed up in the book 'Everything I Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.'"

The thoughts of the future increased as the co-valedictorians Sean Fingerhoot and Pedro Claudio reflected upon the many years spent together as a class.

Fingerhoot said, "Every action of our lives touches on some chord that vibrates through eternity."

Claudio said, "Now we will decide for ourselves our own decisions."

Fingerhoot added, "Our footprints made a legacy that will live longer."

Many seniors of '94 left with a sad feeling because their high school years had come to an end. They will never forget the memories they made while they were here.

Senior April Greenwell said, "My best memory was meeting the love of my life at a high school dance."

Senior Steve Christian said, "My best memory of PHS was when we won the Sectional Title in football. The fans charged the field and it was great. But my saddest memory was when we lost Regionals to Lake Central."

Senior Jennifer Fisher said, "One of my best memories of PHS was being in the top 10 of my class."

Senior Shelley Djurich said, "My best memory was going to my senior prom because my boyfriend made it a special night."

Upon graduation some students had already decided what the next challenge of their lives would be.

Christian said, "I will be working after graduation and then will attend Concordia University and will play football for them."

Senior Kurt Mattix said, "I will be attending the University of Indianapolis next fall and I will also be playing football there."

Although many seniors will leave Portage High School and Portage, they will never forget all the good times they had while they were here. Although it may be hard for friends to keep in touch, the friendship will always be alive in their hearts. Perhaps someday, when the '94 graduates think back and that misty haze glows around their memories, they will know that their four years at PHS were all worth it and that they disappeared too soon.

... Jenn Buerger



Senior Sean Fingerhoot was co-valedictor of the senior class of 1994. Both he and Pedro Claudio gave speeches that reflected the past and encouraged for the future.



many family members of the graduates attended graduation. Because of limited seating, everyone except immediate family was encouraged not to attend.





ortage High School Principal Mr. Forrest Rhode, along with Assistant Principal Mr. Richard Kirchner, announced the names of the graduates as they were handed their diplomas by members of the school board.



n the seniors' last day of exams they congregated in the commons area after the final bell. Many were happy that their schooling here was over but others were upset and didn't want to say good-bye.



he senior class of 1994 was lead out on to the football field by junior class officers and administrators. Much practice was involved for those junior students chosen to be row leaders.



eniors Susan Dicken, J.J. Casey and Angie Coe listen intently as speeches were given by Mr. Rhode, Superintendent Dr. Donald Bivens, Senior Class President Dee-Dee Rodriguez, Co-Valedictorians Sean Fingerhoot and Pedro Claudio. All of the speakers asked the graduates to look to the future but to always remember the past.

Outstanding Young Man

New goals for the future and a stronger bond between classmates filled the souls of the senior boys who participated in the Outstanding Young Man competition as they left the auditorium on Jan. 29.

Senior Byron Chandler said, "Outstanding Young Man is a great way to get to know your senior peers and hang out with them like you used to. You have so many different friends over your four years here you end up not seeing all of them and this program is an excellent way to see 'em all again."

Outstanding Young Man is not just what you see on the stage the night of the program. Each boy has to fill out a sheet of questions that describes himself as well as having to attend rehearsals for the program. Before the finals are held there is a preliminary judging also. The young men are judged on their academics as well as their physical fitness and presence.

The judges pick one Outstanding Young Man and four runners-up. Chris Schaefer was the 1993-94 Outstanding Young Man. The runners-up were Brian Dowd, Kent Fisher, Tony DeVries and Kurt Mattix.

DeVries said, "Outstanding Young Man was a great way for me to spend time with my fellow classmates; it was a great experience. You get a lot more out of it than just scholarships, like the chance to be on stage in front of lots of people which is always fun. I would recommend to every senior guy to participate in this program."

Sophomore Valentine Torres said, "Outstanding Young Man was very interesting but they needed more of a dazzle. They needed more music or something to get the crowd more excited. I think they should have the guys do a talent competition or something like the girls do, that would make it more interesting."

Sophomore David Brubaker said, "The guys all worked really well together, no one was a bad sport about it. The physical fitness routine was good, they did it well together. I would be in the Outstanding Young Man Program because it really seemed like a good experience."

Sophomore Michelle Click said, "Outstanding Young Man is an excellent program because it really gives the boys a chance to express themselves, which is something that boys rarely do."

Freshman Bob Witt said, "Outstanding Young man was definitely a learning experience for me that will last for years to come. In the program you get to really see the candidates true personalities, which can be surprising. When the program is over you feel like you know each candidate better than you did before you walked into the auditorium."

Each of the senior candidates knew each other a little more at the close of the program, and it brought their class a little closer together.

... Jenn Buegler



Mr. Joe Stevens, who was the Outstanding Young Man coordinator and Master of Ceremonies, jokes around with senior Ryan Fenters. Mr. Stevens told

the audience that he asks the boys questions to get rid of their nervousness but most of the competitors feel a little more nervous hoping that they don't get called on.



senior Joe Foster walks his way to the runway in the casual segment of the Outstanding Young Man competition. Joe was asked to tell about an accident he had at the football pep rally during the questioning segment.





he Outstanding Young Man competition ended with the announcement of the winner and finalists. Senior Chris Schaefer was named the 1993-94 Outstanding Young Man. Runners up were seniors Brian Dowd, Kent Fisher, Tony DeVries and Kurt Mattix. Presenting the awards were past Outstanding Young Man Winners Jacob Adams and Erik Scheier.



Participants in the Outstanding Young Man competition eagerly await the announcement of the winner and runners up. Although only five young men are chosen, it is an experience none of them will ever forget.



Seniors Erik Wiseman and Chris Schaefer do push-ups during the Physical Fitness Segment of the program. Senior Jim McMurray won the Physical Fitness award.



Seniors Brandon McKinney and Byron Chandler were asked questions about their previous Sectional Wrestling Championships in the questioning segment. Both boys won their weight classes.

Senior Spirit

What makes a school what it is? Who makes things at a school how they are? How is it that a freshman can come here not knowing what makes PHS so great, but leave after four years knowing what that special thing was? The seniors are the leaders, the guiding light in which the underclassmen follow. The way in which the seniors of 1994 lead PHS was honorable.

Principal Mr. Forrest Rhode said, "The senior class lead the school with class and went out in style on Friday June 6 at their graduation."

Senior Carrie Stout remembered her best high school memory. "My best memory definitely had to be when I went to the cross country state finals because I love cross country and we did well there."

Senior Joe Clausen remembered his best senior memory. "I would have to say that my best senior memory was graduation."

Senior Jim Clarida had to think for awhile about what his best senior memory was, then he said, "I really don't think I have a favorite memory because all of my memories were great."

Senior Dan Weeks said, "My best senior memory was definitely the last day of school. It was so sad because everyone was saying good-bye."

The seniors of 1994 showered their spirit in various ways. Who could ever forget all the things that happened in the 1993-94 school year that made their class so unique. How many other classes have thrown one of their friends into the air and have had it result in an ambulance ride? How many other classes have had a young lady represent them at the State Young Woman of the Year Competition? How many other classes have senior boys who dress up like women such as Madonna? How many other classes can lead their cross country and football teams to state and regional titles? How many other classes can be commended for their excellent behavior at their senior prom? How many other classes can graduate, with honor? Not too many.

The senior class of '94 showed a tremendous amount of spirit that will leave awfully big footprints for the classes to come to fill.

As senior co-valedictorian Sean Fingerhoo said, "Every action of our lives touches on some chord that vibrates through eternity." The actions of the seniors will vibrate through the underclassmen for their years here and keep vibrating on and on through the years.

The 1994 seniors taught us more than we could have ever learned in any classroom. They taught us about things like standing up for ourselves and our beliefs, being the people we want to be and making Portage High School what it really is.....a part of all of us. Thank-you seniors...for everything.

... Jenn Buerger



enior Byron Chandler receives hugs from senior friends Tommy Berger and Ryan Fenters after he was announced Winter Homecoming King. Showing friendship was a way in which the seniors showed Portage their spirit.



eniors Melissa Chavez, Gina Gesmond and Heather Baugh participated in the Air Band Show by doing a clip from the "Rocky Horror Picture Show." Participating in school functions was a way in which many seniors showed their spirit.





Senior Rebekah Brajcki showed her senior spirit through her participation on the gymnastics team. Her leadership as a senior inspired many underclassmen.



Seniors Dan Allen and Ken Crews showed senior spirit as they lead their team to a second place finish at the Cross Country State Finals.



One of the many ways in which seniors showed their spirit in '94 was the Fall Homecoming Pep Rally. At the rally the senior football players were honored by the underclassmen who looked up to them because of their work ethic.



Senior girls had the opportunity to show some senior spirit by participating in the Young Woman of the Year contest held last summer. Many girls chose to take this opportunity which brought their senior class closer together.



Busting with Uniformity

Organizations are definitely busting out of the woodwork at PHS. A few new clubs broke out this year. The two newest organizations were Roadrunners and HOPE. Roadrunners was a group sponsored by the National Honor Society. Each month NHS chose a department to name the most dedicated and helpful students in that department to be a Roadrunner.

Many music organizations busted their way to the very top. Marching Band received a First Division Rating, all the choirs received First Division Ratings and also the Symphonic Band received First Division Rating.

Students busted out of school with memories of the clubs and the election of new officers. People of all race, color and sex strived for a productive year.



om Pom members, junior Christina Timms and senior Melissa Chavez, do their routine to Janet Jackson's song "If." The routine was done during halftime at Winter Homecoming. The girls practiced the routine almost every day after school for about a month.



senior National Honor Society members Elmore Munnell, John Smith and Jennifer Kelly sign in the NHS guest book at an induction ceremony. Jennifer was one of the students at the top of the graduating class. She was ranked 3 out of 504 students.







Marching with pride to victory; cheering with music

For the Portage High School Marching Indians, it was a year of change. Many new faces appeared, as well as the loss of some old ones.

While Mr. Vic Racter, director, and Mr. Bill Timmerman, assistant director, were still dutifully helping the band perfect their show, a new Color Guard instructor, Miss Julie Cage, two new marching and maneuvering instructors, Mr. Fred Renken and Mr. Todd Caffee, and two new percussion instructors, Mr. Eric Deleo and Mr. Stu Anderson, helped in putting on a colorful displays in this year's show, *Beauty and the Beast*.

Senior Dana Wellman looks back at four years as a marcher fondly. "My most memorable moment was getting first at District competition last year and being able to attend Regionals."

Still, though there were many fond memories, there were still some sad ones.

Junior Michelle Cain said, "The worst moment of this year was when we were the only band to get a second division rating at District. We had worked so hard all season. We had so many obstacles to overcome this year; new guard and field instructors, the

resigning of our old percussion instructor, Kyle Hanser, and the hiring of two new ones."

Freshman Jeff Gladdin agrees. "Even though this was my first year marching, it's kinda hard to start off with getting a second at District, especially when we had such high hopes. Our last contest was really good, though. We showed everyone that you can't keep a good band

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— Michelle Cain, 11

down!"

"Getting that second at District was just the last straw. I had basically given up on the whole thing. But in the end we prevailed, our last contest being our best performance ever," Cain added.

Wellman felt that there were still some memorable moments for this

year. "The first contest was definitely memorable. It was the first time in two years I had marched trumpet, and I was nervous."

Cain agrees. "The first contest is always so stressful. You can tell what kind of season you're going to have by your first contest. We scored low at our first contest, but I honestly feel we marched a lot better than what the judges told us we did. Our biggest downfall for that contest was not marching the final number. Still, it gave us a goal to beat, and we did just that. That was our lowest score all season."

"At first, it takes a while for everyone else, but once we had to be stuck together for so many hours a week, we became a family, a big family, well about 150 person family," Gladdin added.

As far as next year goes, Wellman advises the underclassmen, "Don't take everything so seriously and don't cop an attitude with the people in charge."

Cain enthusiastically agrees. "Next year, it's State or nothing! Hey, Mr. Racter, you may want to get a hat. You're head's going to freeze at those football games!"

... Katie Belcher



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percussionists junior Paul Targat, sophomore Alan Washburn and senior Jessica Greene perform during the percussion feature at District Contest at Penn High School. The contest was on Oct. 2.

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sophomore Joey Auskalnis, Portage High School Pep Band Member, assembles his saxophone for after school practice. Pep Band had practices every Wednesday to prepare themselves for the home Basketball Games.





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senior Holly Foreman and senior Chandra Hasse, Drum Majors, lead the Portage High School Marching Indians down Central Ave. for the Homecoming Parade. The parade was on Thurs., Oct. 7.



Marching Band Row 1: Jenny Watson, Joe Urban, Michelle Cain, Jennifer Cap, Tami Hasse, Rob Covington, Kari Kasznia, Kevin Watson, Louis Stanko, Carrie Mitchell, Alan Washburn, Jessica Greene, Veronica Gonzalez, Melissa Heck, Stephanie Gonzalez, Kim Haskell, Mike Hill, Nick Karris, Josh Sims. **Row 2:** Michelle Swanson, Jill Via, Faith Anderson, Michaela Ailes, Karina Galindo, Heather Maliziola, Joanna Linsmeir, Alisa Terry, Emily Martin, Shannon Conner, Nicole Brutout, Kristina Sanionelli, Shaney Smith, Virginia Foster, Kristen Smith, Stephanie Pekoi, Tessa Black. **Row 3:** Briana Dixon, Heather Guines, Holly Foreman, Chandra Hasse, Jenny Panklin, Katie Belcher, Christy Neyhart, Julie Cable. **Row 4:** Sandy Samardzja, Beth Shurman, Petra DeJesus, Megan Kester, Lisa Butala, Janelle Peek, Susie Hamstrom, Lana Siegal, Christina Kostelnik, Margaret Opolski, Teri Lesko, Jodie Deckard, Shannon Melvin, Michele Baker, Michelle Brigham, Stacey Durr, Windy Caudill, Heather Johnston, Courtney Melvin. **Row 5:** Tom Labus, Laura Zielinski, Sarah Nittell, Jaimmie Keeling, Annette Orr, Annette Munoz, Wendy Schafer, Michelle Hoover, Terry Will, Tracie Timpe, Carrie Schnelle, Amy Scribner, Breana Lees, Nicole Chagoya, Jessica Barnville, Mark A. Williams, Josh Eyerman, Shawn McCance, Joy Franczek. **Row 6:** Teri Lesko, Jenny Wilson, Melissa Chavaz, Jamie Webster, Shannon Rose, Shelle Stout, Charity Marsh, Jeff Gladden, Chris Chapman, Amy Jones, Monique Leyba, Susan Corley, Christine Stokes, Crista Duffee, Mike Childs, Donald Woodke, Mark Gronke. **Row 7:** Becky Berick, Ken Heath, Abe Pomales, Curtis Smith, Dana Wellman, Ryan Reber, Jen Johnson, Rhonda Sulcer, Jenny Fox, Kevin Brown, Dan Garus, Eric Serrano, Rich Furnish, Dusty Caudill, Cindy Miller, Michelle Bugarin. **Row 8:** Michelle Harmon, Virginia Tillman, Stacey Fields, Heath Hitchcock, Christina Timmons, Bryan George, Gabe Chaddock, Jason Copeland, Jeremy Kiser, David King, Samantha Barnes, Brigitte Nelson, Chris Nelson, Chris Kosovich, Scott Moechl, Chris Beach, Steven Renner, Sara Bradford, Dan Harrold, Shawn Arden, Joey Aukalnis.



senior Beth Shurman walks over to the drill chart, along with her piccolo, to find her position on the football field at camp this summer. Marching Band Camp was at Portage High School Aug. 16-20.



Pep Band Row 1: Joy Franczek, Windy Caudill, Petra DeJesus, Margaret Opolski, Kristin Zurcher, Jessica Holtzman, Stacey Durr, Amanda Childers, Vicki Carr, Heather Gaines, Briana Dixon. **Row 2:** Mark Williams, Nicole Chagoya, Annette Orr, Jessica Barnville, Jamie Webster, Laura Zielinski, Shawn McCance, Josh Freeman, Tracey Timpi, Crista Duffee, Christina Stokes, Tom Labus. **Row 3:** Annette Munoz, Tami Hasse, Jennifer Watson, Jen Johnson, Curtis Smith, Brian Anderson, Dana Wellman, Becky Berick, Dan Garus, Kevin Brown, Joey Aukalnis. **Row 4:** Kristin Taylor, Nick Karris, Alan Washburn, Carrie Mitchell, Katie Belcher, Michelle Cain, Samantha Barnes, Brigitte Nelson, Chris Kosovich, Scott Mulhe, Steven Renner, Shawn Arden.



cheering the team on; peppering the fans

Concentration, dedication and a good personality. These qualities are what make up a good cheerleader or poms member.

For most people, they may be known as the girls in skirts that scream their lungs out for the basketball or football team. But there's more to being a cheerleader or poms member than most people give them credit for. For starters, the tryouts for the squads are more than enough for anyone to realize that not just anyone can make the squads.

Sophomore Isela Galindo said, "It's hard because there are so many girls that tryout for the squads each year. The judges look at how well you present yourself as a role model for the school as well as the squad. They also judge you on how well you catch on to the cheers, how well your personality is and how stiff and flexible you are performing each individual cheer."

Isela continued, "For pom tryouts it's mainly the same. It's really hard because you're competing against 75 or more girls that have the same goal as you, making the squad."

Junior Trisha Swindle added, "For poms you have three days to learn a dance routine, make up your own 3-8 count routine."

"You also have to be very flexible and it's a good plus if you know how

to do the splits," junior Tiffany Dillard said.

After making the squad, the cheerleader and poms squads practice hard throughout the weeks preparing for games.

"The hardest thing is learning to work with each other and how to handle rival fans from different schools," Galindo added.

Another requirement the girls have

"The hardest thing is dealing with rival fans from different schools."

-Isela Galindo, 10

to meet is grades. In order for someone to cheer on one of the cheerleading squads, she must maintain a 2.0 G.P.A.

"We have to be passing in five consecutive classes with a good grade point average," Dillard added.

Another requirement the cheerleaders and poms must complete is attending a four day camp in Michigan over their summer vacation.

Members of the cheerleading squad

said that it's a good learning experience because the camp provides the squads a better knowledge and understanding of how to do the cheers, routines, dances, and how to work as a team.

"The camp was hard work because we had to learn all the dance routines and be able to prepare it that night where we competed against other squads from other schools that were there," junior Tanya Jarvis said.

Although there are some hard tasks to becoming a member of the squads, the cheerleaders and poms do recall great memories they'll never forget because of the squad.

"The 92/93 squad was great because we all were close friends and worked hard as a team," Coe added.

"The friendships and learning to work as a team is what makes up a good squad," sophomore Trisha Swindle added.

For those girls that are interested in trying out, the cheerleaders and poms have great advice.

"Work hard and practice doing jumps and stretch out a lot," Angie advises.

"Be really stiff when doing cheers and if you don't make the squad the first time you try out, keep trying and practice more," Tanya stated.

... Kelly Crowe



performing to excite the crowd at a basketball game are juniors Dawn Bunker, Jessica Provins and seniors Erin Trahten and Angie Coe. Poms helped cheer to get the crowds into the excitement.



Front Row: Justin A. Smith, Chad Huffman, Russ Simola, Elmore Mundell. **Second Row:** Alan Kane, Mike Rake, John Berry, Josh Young, Steve Christian.

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cheerleaders perform routines during games to entertain the crowds. Varsity cheerleaders juniors Anne Crockett, John Berry, senior Leslie Crockett and junior Freddy Castro perform a skate.



Freshman Cheerleading: First Row: Meagan Gerkin, Brooke Brennan. Row Two: Sydney Hodsdon, Jennifer Cloyd, Kelly Charbonneau, Talea Shorter, Jessica Reid, Lindsey Klisiak. Row Three: Amber Riley, Autumn Hyde, Michelle Sparks.



JV Cheerleading: First Row: Isela Galindo, Jessica Mundell, Tina Fingerhoot, Kelly Hill, Alicia Smith. Second Row: Maggie Kirk, Elizabeth Slatten, Stacey Smolnicki, Gia Fornari, Tricia Martin.



Pom Puns: First Row: Kelly Clouse. Second Row: Valentine Torrez, Wendy Gilbert, Trisha Swendle, Sarah Mithcell. Third Row: Megan Sedan, Christina Timm, Melissa Chavez, Jennifer Mariani, Stephanie Billard. Fourth Row: Julie Giancola, Kelly Falon, Jessica Provins, Dawn Bunker, Angie Coe, Erin Trathen.



Varsity Cheerleading: First Row: Tonia Jarvis, Trina Schaefer, Laura Weeks, Jill Hudson, Candy Modesto. Second Row: Cari Tayler, Any Silverthorn, Anne Crockett, Leslie Crockett, Teresa Wilkens, Danie Nobles.

Writing the talk; printing the news

Joining the Publications Department is one way for students to improve journalism skills, express their opinion and get involved in school. *Saga*, *News Bureau*, *Legend* and *PowWow* are branches of the Publications Department.

Students who wish to work on the yearbook staff, the *Legend*, must take one year of beginning journalism.

Senior Julie Appelhagen, photographer, claimed one of the benefits of being a staffer is, "It's a good excuse for taking pictures of cute guys." However, she adds, "I have to put this ahead of some of my other clubs because it's for a grade."

The staffers also shared their opinions of their yearbook.

Julie feels, "There will be a lot better pictures this year because I'm on staff."

Julie feels that *Legend* is an accurate portrayal of life at PHS. "We try to get pictures and interviews from everybody," she said.

Alicia Balazs, sophomore, also thinks students will enjoy this *Legend*. "I think it's gonna be more exciting than in the past. It tells what's going on at PHS."

A year of journalism is also re-

quired to join the school newspaper, the *PowWow*. Opinion Editor senior Nicole Anderson enjoys *PowWow* because she loves writing stories and *PowWow* gives her a chance to express her beliefs. She admits that it is difficult to represent all PHS students equally in the *PowWow*. "We try, but when students, as they often do, refuse to talk to us, we have to go on what we can

the majority of the work is designing the layout of the publication.

Senior Corrie Donnell described her job on *Saga*. "I proofread selections to see whether they get in or not." Corrie joined *Saga* because, "I like being a contributor to make a publication." However, she said she dislikes the way things sometimes don't get done because of a lack of communication.

After completing a year of Journalism, students may also sign up for *News Bureau*.

Senior Virginia Pedone explained what students on *News Bureau* do. "Each Monday we get a story and then every Friday your stories are due, then they are sent out to various newspapers, plus we put out the *News and Notes*."

Virginia liked *News Bureau* because, "We are smaller so everyone knows everyone else."

On the downside, she added, "Most of the time we get overlooked and we don't even have our own class hour."

The Publications Department provides opportunities for students who like writing and seeing their articles and stories in print.

...Jenny Johns

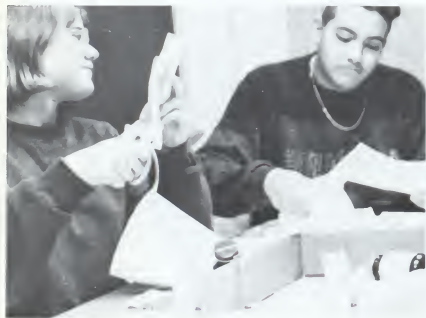
"It's more like a job than a class."

—Alicia Balazs, 10

get. We can only represent those students who will speak to us."

As for *PowWow's* coverage of controversial issues, such as birth control and Nazis, Nicole said, "I think we do just fine."

Saga is the literary magazine published annually. Students on the *Saga* staff may write articles, but



Staff Photographers: First Row: Julie Appelhagen, Mike Washburn, Linda Koehler. Second Row: Crystal Henderson, Jen Volk, Sarah McEwan, Heather Baugh.

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First semester *Saga* staffers senior Mike Villanueva and junior Stephanie Pelot cut and paste the poems to the *Saga*. The *Saga* is a literary book of students poems and short stories.



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orking on the computer, sophomore Alicia Balazs designs a layout for ads. A majority of the ads pay for the production of the *Legend*. Each *Legend* staff member is responsible for selling one page of ads to local businesses.



Legend: Row One: Val Kowal, Jason Alaniz, Amanda Falek. Row Two: Maribel Gonzalez, Stephanie Markos, Jenn Kelly, Alicia Balaz. Row Three: Amy James, Shelley Djurich, Brian Graves, Steve Christian, April Greenwell, Kerry Kubeck.



Pow Wow: Row One: Sheila Lynch, Nicole Anderson, Jennifer Haddon, Cheryl Ranke, Jenn Buerger. Row Two: Crystal Snellgrove, Tandy Rowe, Jenny Mason, Jill Stevenson, Lana McCall. Row Three: Michele Brown, Andy Novak, Phil Giralanz, Terry Wampler, Jim Smith, Melissa Hasly.



Saga: Row One: Vickie Perez, Amie Thacker, Jennifer Hunter, Vicki Carr, Nicole Szmuto, Nicole Anderson, Patricia Labus, Kristi Evans. Row Two: Tiffany Dillard, Angela Meadows, Dawn Christman, Julia Plunkett, Derek Ailes, Sandy Mills, Martha Gonzalez, Corrie Donelli, Monica McIntire. Row Three: Ed Rodriguez, Jennifer Shadrix, Bryon Clouse, Mike Villanueva, Plomer Barnes, Melissa Spurlack, Sarah Wadle, Julie Jones.



News Bureau: Row One: Maureen Sprout, Kelli Coppinger, Virginia Pedone, Amanda Childers.

Breaking out with foreign languages

Foreign language clubs provide an opportunity for students to share their interest in different world cultures. To many students, taking a foreign language is an exciting way to learn about a different country. In class, students learn about the language and its uses, but foreign language clubs offer a more in-depth aspect of the culture and society of various countries.

There are five clubs in all, including French, Spanish, German, Latin and Chinese. These groups share a common ground when it comes to foreign languages, but competition is high among each individual club.

Spanish Club is one club that has seen a lot of change. Under Mrs. Lynn Huerta's sponsorship, the club has shown an increase in membership. Currently there are around 20 members.

The Spanish Club participates in many fun activities. Senior Ed Rodriguez, Spanish Club President, said, "We meet usually every two weeks. We have fiestas where we play games and eat different kinds of Spanish food. During Christmas we went to Chicago and to a Mexican restaurant. We practice speaking our Spanish language. For a fundraiser we will be raffling Great America tickets. We are also going

to take a trip to Great America at the end of the year, hopefully with all the other clubs. And I am pushing for a volleyball tournament among all the clubs."

Another language club is the Latin Club. Latin is a language that was spoken in ancient Rome.

Senior Stacey Kral, Latin Club dictator, said, "We have a Christmas party called Saturnalia. We also sell

"French Club is a great advantage to meet new people and learn more on the French Culture."

-Heather Johnston, 10

candy to raise money for our spring trip, Great America or a Cubs game. Mr. Schott makes this club special. He makes it fun."

Stacey also said, "There's no structure to our meetings. We only meet when I want to meet. The thing I don't like is other members aren't as enthusiastic about finding new things to do."

French Club members sold candy to raise money for club activities,

participated in French games and won the Homecoming Hall Decoration contest.

Sophomore Heather Johnston said, "French Club is a great advantage to meet new people and to learn more on the French culture."

"Being in the French Club is great because we always beat the Spanish Club during Homecoming," Jeremy Caimens, junior, said.

German Club members have a cook-in to taste different types of German food. They also visited a German restaurant to gain a better understanding of the culture. Members also went bowling to have fun and share ideas about the German culture.

Sophomore Renata Jefimenko said, "What makes the German Club so special is that we come up with different things to sell for fundraisers, such as next year we'll sell Advent calendars for Christmas."

The Chinese Club is different than the regular clubs.

Senior Wendy Schaefer said, "It's different. It's not like the typical after school club, it's more learning related."

Tuan Nguyen said, "We made Christmas cards a little earlier this year, and some members made fortune cookies."

...by Jenny Johns



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hinese Club sponsor Mr. David Masty hands a fortune cookie to club member junior Jason Bovenkerk while Katie Hatala, junior, reads her fortune.



German: Row 1: Paul O'Donovan, Andrea Batista, Windy Caudill, Stephanie Markos, Stacy Lee, Christina Stokes. **Row 2:** Ms. Sharon Bronson, Richard Furnish, Chuck Kukla, James Holman, Renata Jefimenko, Kim Mruk.



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atin club sponsor Mr. Bill Schott helps freshman Kristen Zurcher put on a toga at the Roman banquet. Togas were worn in B.C. as clothing for the Romans.



French Club Row 1: Heather Baugh, Gina Gesmond, Elmore Mundell, Danielle Robertson, Leslie Crockett, Thomas Kaminski, Jeremy Carmon, Crista Durfee, Cindy Bickham, Stephanie Lo, Darce Newberry. **Row 2:** Amy James, Jaime Kawiecki, Melissa Chavez, Vicki Fisher, Windy Casali, Shweta Hess, Hannah Marcynowicz, Heather Johnston, Bridgette Swah, Yvonne Pedraza. **Row 3:** John Smith, DeeDee Rodriguez, Denise Henderson, Vanessa Vespi, Tom Paxson, Radmila O'Bradovic, Jennifer Mantz, Christina Smith, Katie Belcher, Katie Hatala, Rhonda Sulzer, Patricia Labus.



Latin Club Row 1: Stacey Kral, Mignon Montpetit, Dana Rogers, Carrie Koleski, Erica Hollett, Sarah Bradford, Robert Volantis, Sandi Ratray. **Row 2:** Jeannette Hernandez, Angela Beason, Tricia Whitten, Corey Schumacher, Holly Binder, Sarah Cowl, Bridgett Harch, Kristin Schumacher, Corey Ackerman, Stephanie Sandler. **Row 3:** Jennifer Loranee, Victoria Sanchez, Mike Frederen, Martha Gonzalez, Michelle Pelot, Kate Crum, Julius Najzer, Christina Wilder, Shawn Heyse, Robyn Walczak, Megan Kelly. **Row 4:** Jenny Bajjak, Kristin Zurcher, Jessica Provins, Scott Heyse, Joe Ring, Larry Morrow, Donald Woodke, Jessica Fields, Cheryl Blackburn, Tim Nush, Christina Vlamos.



Spanish Club: Row 1: Marisa Calvert, Yanira Fontanez, Cara Velez, Elizabeth Johnson, Christina Stokes, Megan Smith. **Row 2:** Jessica Wright, Diana Vega, Chris Huerta, Andrea Batista, Barbara Laczi. **Row 3:** Karl Cheng, Kim Mrak, Eric Mason, Renata Jefimenko, Monica Teso, Mrs. Lynn Huerta.



Chinese Club Row 1: Rebekah Brackji, Laura Isley, Wendy Schafer, Andrea Kirsh, Stephanie Lo. **Row 2:** Katie Hatala, David Newton, Jeremy Conner, Tammy Griffin. **Row 3:** Brian Rogers, Jason Buvenker, Aaron Landrum, Chad Huffman.



Council, Court and SADD offer students chance to voice opinions

With all the organizations offered, one of the most known is Student Council. Student Council gives everyone a chance to meet new friends and to help make decisions about upcoming events.

Senior Gina Gesmond, president of Student Council, said, "Student Council and Student Court gives every student in the school a chance to express their personal opinion in an educational background, but also have fun doing it as well."

Not only does Student Council do fun things like sponsor dances, go to conventions and sponsor Homecoming, it also helps out the community.

Senior Evette Sanchez said, "Around Thanksgiving we sponsor the Thanksgiving Food Drive for needy families. We also sponsor Angel Tree around Christmas. Student Council members sponsor a child whose parent is in jail and can't be home for Christmas."

A group that stemmed from Student Council is Student Court.

"The Court, which consists of

nine members, makes sure that the Council isn't abusing their leadership and is following the Student Council Constitution in the Council's Handbook. If someone breaks the rules, they may have to go on trial," Gina said.

Another club that gives everyone a chance to meet new people, but also has a serious theme be-

"Student Council and Student Court gives every student in the school a chance to express their opinion."

Gina Gesmond, 12

hind everything it does is SADD/STOP. SADD/STOP (Students Against Drunk Driving/ Students Taking On Problems) meets once a week and talks about ways to take a stand on drug and alcohol abuse and drunk driving. The club spon-

sors many fundraisers throughout the school year to help raise money for the organization.

One of the events that the members enjoy going to is Snowball, a retreat where students go to speak about helping solve the alcohol problem among students in their community. They meet many different students from different schools with the same goal.

Junior Heather Westerkamp said, "'Day of the Living Dead' shows in a realistic way how many people die each hour due to drinking and driving each year on Prom night."

On this day, the members dress in black, paint their faces white and seclude themselves from the rest of the school. While they do attend all of their classes, they are not allowed to talk once they are dead."

Evette added, "We tape a black piece of paper and a dead rose to our locker to express that we died. It gets really emotional, but it's the true reality of what can happen."

...Kelly Crowe



Photo by Sarah McEwan

7 Junior Jason Imes runs along the route mapped out for the 5K Healthy Mc-Heathy You Fun Run during Red Ribbon Week, promoting drug free activities. The race was sponsored by SADD/STOP.

Sophomore Stacey Ellerman dances to a slow song at the Valentine's Dance. Student Council sponsors the annual dance which usually occurs after a Friday night basketball game.





senior gangsters Danielle Robertson and Tanya Kirchner walk beside the senior float during the Homecoming parade. The senior's theme was the Roaring 20's. Student Council sponsored both Fall and Winter Homecoming.



Student Council: Row 1: Danae Nabe, Julia Smith, Gina Gonzalez, Danielle Robertson; Row 2: Valentine Torres, Tom Fongestock, Jessica Mackay, Tanya Kirchner, Dawn Adams, Erika Sanchez, Dee Dee Rodriguez, Stephanie Lee, Chris Harris, Scott Connor, Heather Baugh, Kristin Kish; Row 3: Maria Gonzalez, Julie Appelhagen, Jennifer Mantz, Amy James, Erin Pascucci, Tom Paxson, Melissa Pollock, Lizy Jensen, Stephanie Kish, Tiffany Turpley, Melissa Harris, Vicki Huber, Kelly Yabari, Jessica Thompson, Ron & Mr. Joni Hask, CK, Heather Westerkamp, Susan Miller, Amy James, Karen Gilling, Lisa Newberry, April Greenwell, Jennifer Mantz, Jack Howe, and Evelyn Heather Smith; Row 4: Linda Lora, Christine Cunningham, Row 5: Jessica Lopez, Nelson Cunningham, Tom Kaminski, David Cracker, Timmy Mendi, Brandon Miller, Joe Lindley, Nathan Mendi, Tami Kawewski, Katie Belcher, Michelle Baker, Julie Gurevitz.



Student Court: Row 1: Julie Appelhagen, Andrea Batista, Heather Baugh, Jennifer Mantz, Andrea Kirish; Row 2: Christine Smith, Tom Kaminski, Mr. James Douglas, Katie Belcher, Brandon Miller.



SADD/STOP: Row 1: Dana Wellman, Tiffany Turpley, Joe Lindley, Erika Sanchez; Row 2: Stacy Luper, Stephanie Lee, Mary Ellen Pascucci, Jessica Hutchins, Heather Westerkamp, Dee Dee Rodriguez, Stacy Lee, Yvonne Pedraza, Patricia Labin, Jennie Hunter, Heather Merrill; Row 3: Andrea Kirish, Kerry Kubeck, Wendy Condit, Stephanie Sandoz, Angela Meadows, Christine Smith, Tiffany Dillard, Elise Newberry, Kim Geyer, Monica McIntire, Nicole Symonko, Jenny Drachuk, Patricia Kubeck; Row 4: Bridgette Swab, Martha Gonzalez, Abigail Howe, Jeanna Lopez, Amy James, Tammy Kiser, Loreita Parolin, Julie Appelhagen, Wendy Schaler, Tom Paxson, Jennifer Mantz, Katie Belcher, Jose Werhowsky, Christina Stokes; Row 5: Kim Hovell, Jennifer Volk, Ricky Littlefield, Jennie Stafford, Jamie Kamewski, Kim Maki, Tony Starr, Renata Jelenko, Becky Polke, Nedee Cunningham, Carrie Stout, Denise Henderson, James Holman, Crystal Henderson.



enior Dan Harrell helps the Marching Band make its bridge leading into the Enchanted Castle from "Beauty and the Beast." The band placed second in Student Council's Fall Homecoming hall display competition.

Diverse Groups find common bonds

Having fun and meeting people are two important factors in a student's life. The Science Club, Pep Club and FCA Club are some of the clubs that provide these factors. They allow some freedom and fun from the classroom.

The Science Club opens its doors to any student who enjoys biology, chemistry, basic science or just having fun.

The president Michelle Cain, junior, stated, "It is a great opportunity for many careers because it gives you experience in teaching younger students some basic fun science and traveling to colleges to meet with some famous chemists and etc."

This summer the Science Club took a trip down to Butler University to meet some famous chemists from around the world and to also teach some grade schoolers some basic chemistry. They also do some

shows in the high school for the community. "We perform chemistry shows at Adler Planterium and the 'Chemistry is Fun' show at PHS. We also help out with the fifth graders," sophomore Cristal Durfee said.

The Pep Club consists

"It is a great opportunity for many careers because it gives you experience."

—Michelle Cain, 11

mostly of cheerleaders and Pom Pons, but it is open to all students. They do a range of activities such as decorating the lockers of team members and baking for them to create some spirit in them before an event.

"The club allows any PHS student in if they would like to be in it. We have fun baking, decorating lockers for players and pulling some team spirit before a game," junior Sarah Mitchell stated.

"What makes this club special is that we support all the teams and not just one certain team," senior Cheryl Fain said.

The Fellowship of Christain Athletes, or FCA, is an organization for student athletes to discuss Christain values and their coordination with sport ethics.

"The FCA brings athletes and anyone else who wants to learn more about God and Christain life in school and sports," senior Kurt Matix said.

The Science Club, Pep Club and FCA Club are a good way to meet people and have a fun relaxing time after school. They enjoy seeing new faces.

--- Stephanie Markos

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junior Meagan Kelly inserts an unknown mixture into the Gas Chromatogram (G.C.). Science Club sponsor Mrs. Patricia Strawbridge brought in the G.C. through the Chem Mobile for Chemistry students.





members of the JV cheerleading squad cheer in front of the pep block at a game. Cheerleaders were mandatory members of the Pep Club as well as other students. Pep Club members cheered on the team from the pep block



Science Club: Row 1: Kristina Santonelli, Brenda Manion, Michelle Cain, Maribel Gonzalez, Mary Ellen Passarelli, Crista Durllee. Row 2: Stephanie Markos, Kathryn Ostertag, Eric Serrano, Larry Morrow, Terry Wampler, Karl Cheng, Alisa Tarry.



Pep Club: Row 1: Teresa Wilkens, Amy Silverborn, Candice Modesto, Dani Nobles, Jill Hudson, Anne Crockett, Cari Taylor, Iela Galindo, Alicia Smith. Row 2: Tressa Swindle, Tricia Martin, Kelly Hill, Gia Fornan, Tonia Jarvis, Kaenna Schaefer, Laura Weeks, Leslie Crockett, Jessica Mandell, Elizabeth Stanton, Stacey Smolinsky, Maggie Kirk. Row 3: Melissa Chavez, Tiffany Dallari, Kelly Cline, Wendy Gilbert, Tina Fingerhove, Erin Trahern, Jennifer Mariani, Angie Coe, Valenine Torres, Julianne Giacomola, Dawn Bunker. Row 4: Sarah Mitchell, Justin Smith, Elmore Mandell, Margan Sedan, Christina Timm, Kelly Fallon, Jessica Provins, Chad Huffman, Mike Rake, Steve Christian, Josh Young. Row 5: John Berry, Alan Kane, Russ Simola.



members of the FCA club hold hands and pray in the commons. The FCA club is a club for student athletes to discuss Christian values.



FCA: Row 1: Adam McGriffin, Philip Frechette, Katrina Schaefer, Kelly Knapp, Denise Lilly, Ryan McGuffey, Doug Samuels. Row 2: Chris Schaefer, John Smith, Mr. Bob Mattix, Kurt Mattix, Kent Fisher, Jamie Miles.



Variety of cultural practices come together

Students that have good vocal ability and like getting up in front of people can find their niche on the Speech Team and in Thespians.

Thespians is the theater group, sponsored by Mr. Joe Stevens, that is responsible for many of the productions here at PHS. Students are required to sell ads and work three shows before they become an official Thespians member. The fall play, spring musical, Air Band, Variety Show, and OYM are all sponsored by Thespians.

Although Thespians shoulder a big responsibility, they still have a lot of fun. Fun Thespians activities include a Christmas party, a banquet, a senior trip, plus a trip to Chicago to see a show. Last year Thespians went to see Miss Saigon. This year they went to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat as well as Phantom

of the Opera.

Co-president, senior Dana Wellman, says she enjoys helping out as well as participating in the stage productions. Dana recommends Thespians to other students. "It's a great way to get involved and have some fun," she said.

"It is a great way to get involved and have a lot of fun."

-Dana Wellman, 12

Speech team provides yet another opportunity for students to express themselves, without any membership requirements. Speech team members have their choice of 12 different categories

to compete in.

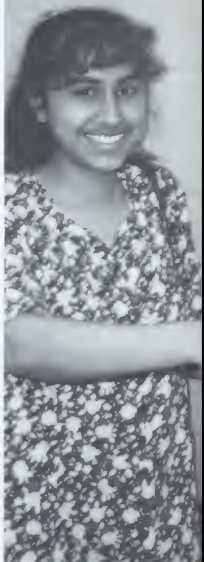
Junior Rabia Javed said, "Speech Team is more than just making speeches. It's about meeting new people, having a good time and participating in some very intense competition."

Speech team allows students to feel more comfortable with speaking in front of people. Thespians enables students to see live shows and experience a stage production first hand. Both clubs give students a chance to improve their acting and speaking skills, as well as the chance to work with a team.

The Prayer Club meets every school day in the morning, with a short lesson on the Bible.

Senior David Robertson said, "I joined the Prayer Club because it helps me keep God in my daily life and how else a Christian should start their day."

... Jenny Johns



Some members of the Speech team competed in State competition, including junior Melissa Mahony, seniors Julie Appelhagen, Jenny Johns, Joel Lach, Jen Kelly, Corrie Donelli, and coaches Mrs. Helen Mundell and Mrs. Linda Hicks.

Mr. Joe Stevens asks senior Tony DeVries about his leg, which was in a brace because of knee surgery, during the impromptu interview session during the Outstanding Young Man competition. Tony was the third finalist. Thespians sponsor OYM.





rs. Linda Hicks, sponsor of the Speech and Debate teams, congratulates junior Rabia Javed after her State competition. Rabia placed eighth in the state in Congress.



Speech and Debate Row 1: Kavita Gupta, Melissa Mahoney, Mignon Montpetit, Rabia Javed, Julie Appelhagen, Heather Granzow, Tammy Jacobs. **Row 2:** Mrs. Helen Mundell, Jennifer Kelly, Elizabeth Verbich, Joel Lach, Mike Lee, Corrie Donelli, Mrs. Linda Hicks.



Prayer Group Row 1: Mrs. Bonnie Albert, Stephanie Wilson, Abby Howe. **Row 2:** Kathy Ring, Michael Harkins, Irvin Santsna, Dawn Eaton. **Row 3:** David Robertson, Jason Zell, Bruce Selva.



Thespians: Row 1: Beth Shurman, Lana McCall, Dave Henderson, Julie Appelhagen, Dana Wellman. **Row 2:** Jennifer DePaula, Jenny Kelly, Rhonda Sulcer, Alynne Sanders, Kami Blaha, Megan Smith. **Row 3:** Sandy Samardzija, Jennifer Fonner, Jill Gibson, Joel Lach, Erik Winerstrom, Curtis Bledsoe.

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ophomore Jason Zell and juniors Stephanie Wilson and Josh Boyd unite in prayer around the flagpole for Prayer Around the Pole. It was held on Sept. 15. Students and school staff across the country gathered at the pole at their respective schools to share a prayer.



Expressing opinions, creativity

A confident knight on his white horse prepares for a jousting act, students plan a rally for a "Save the Rain Forest" campaign and other proud people make a commercial explaining what their culture is about. These characteristics could be found in the Medieval, HOPE or UNITY clubs.

Many challenging ways a person could show their creative abilities, a chance to express opinions about certain issues and the students who create possible ideas to improve a club may be ways to describe certain organizations.

Junior Michelle Easton, president of HOPE, came up with the idea for this club when she was a freshman but never gave her thought a chance until this year.

Participating in recycling and meeting new people may be some reasons why a person would attend an organization.

Jaime Rhodus, senior, said, "I joined HOPE because I'd like to think that I'm doing something to make a difference in society."

"HOPE had a big turnout and they gave good ideas for future events so the people made the meeting excit-

ing," senior Rich Jacobs said.

Michelle added, "Suggestions from HOPE members are to create an environmental T-shirt contest and to have a walk-a-thon during the spring to help the endangered animals."

Another club that is helpful to the student body is the UNITY Club.

Andrea Batista, sophomore, founded the UNITY Club because

*"I'd like to think that I'm doing something to make a difference in society."
Jamie Rhodus, 12*

she felt it was needed at PHS. They made a Constitution explaining the objectives then Mr. Jim Conway, assistant principal, approved it.

Mrs. Eva Kjennerud, English teacher, said, "The main purpose of the UNITY Club is to promote to the PHS population a greater understanding of nationalities. We're anx-

ious to do whatever we can to enhance cultural awareness."

In order to make the student body aware of the many cultures represented at PHS, cultural events are necessary.

"It all depends on who gets elected president, but if I were elected, I'd prepare a cultural dance at the end of the school year," Andrea replied.

A unique club that can also make students aware of a different type of culture is the Medieval Club.

"The reason why I joined the Medieval Club is because I've always been interested in Medieval times," junior Medieval Princess Laura Summers said.

The knights opponent falls to the ground in agony after being struck in the stomach, cheers from the rain forest advocates fill the air because of a victory, and a standing ovation of hundreds that have enjoyed watching a recording of a memorable cultural message are activities one could participate in at one of these club meetings.

... Kerry Kubeck



Medieval Club sponsor Mr. Jason Cope sews a Medieval costume for a club member. The Medieval Club is an organization designed to learn about the Medieval Ages through research and creative activities.



sophomore Andrea Batista shares her views on racism at a Unity Club meeting. Andrea organized the Unity Club to inform students on different nationalities.





Freshmen Michele Easton, Michelle Cain, Stephanie Markos and senior Rich Jacobs help conduct a HOPE meeting. The HOPE Club is an environmental club designed to help make the Earth a cleaner place.

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reshmen Sarah Mahns and Becky Elliott listen to plans for a HOPE Club project. The HOPE Club is a good activity for students who are concerned with the environment.



HOPE: Row 1: Ann Marie Cruz, Kristi Evans, Sandra Bledsoe, Jamie Webster. **Row 2:** Michelle Cain, Loretta Jacobs, Michele Easton, Alynne Sanders. **Row 3:** Mike Kelley, Karl Cheng, Dan Piddington, Ricky Littlefield, Rich Jacobs.



Medieval Club Row 1: Mary Jones, Laura Summers, Angela Butkewicz. **Row 2:** Rhonda Jones, Erica Lund, Kate Crum. **Row 3:** Julius Nager, Michael David, Heath Hitchcock, Harvey Evans, Jason Simpson. **Row 4:** Mr. Jason Cope, Mike Washburn, Ed Lipinski, Shawn Suttler, Shawn Pauley.



Unity: Row 1: Janira Fontanez, Stephanie Gonzalez, Virginia Tillman, Stacy Lee. **Row 2:** Windy Caudill, Alicia Balazs, Melissa Sibley, Denise Henderson, Andrea Batista, Ms. Eva Kjennerud. **Row 3:** Karl Cheng, Josh Boyd, Paula Torronen, Renata Jefimenko, Kim Mraak, Gesa Merensky, Vicki Coello.

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honors clubs set high standards for members

Honors clubs and organizations are alike in one way or another, for example, the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Business Professionals of America and the Foreign Language Honor Society all require a specific GPA and leadership in order to become a member.

National Honor Society is an honors club for students with a GPA of 3.3 or higher and who are juniors or seniors. There were over 80 members and officers in NHS. Junior Katie Hatala said, "The reason I joined was because it is a way to get involved with people outside my group of friends."

In order to become a member, students completed an information sheet supplying information about their services to school and the community, their leadership ability and about their character. Eligible students are then voted on by a faculty panel.

NHS, sponsored by Mr. Dennis Norman, sponsors the

school exchange for the day with Valparaiso High School, the Data Match and they sold the Valentine flowers. They helped with the blood drive and for the first time they sponsored a raffle where a student could win a parking space in front of the school each nine

"It's a way to get involved with people outside my normal group of friends." - Katie Hatala, 11

weeks.

Roadrunners was a project started by the National Honor Society. Each month the society choose a department to pick Roadrunners. The students were picked on the basis of attitudes and all the hard work they did in that specific department.

Another honor society for journalism students, Quill and

Scroll, was sponsored by Ms. Susanna E. Chappell. Students must have a GPA of 2.7 or higher. They must at least be a sophomore and a member of a publications staff for one year. The members and officers discuss what that student has done for the publications department, including how the student works with others and their performance on the staff.

Junior Lesley Cash said, "Being in Quill and Scroll has allowed me to attend many different workshops and contests in the state and the country."

Business Professionals of America is a co-curricular organization that promotes leadership, team work and professionalism. Mrs. Lori Pavell and Mrs. Jane Larson sponsored this club.

On May 11, the BPA returned from the national contest in San Francisco. The BPA also sponsors The Caring Place, a shelter for battered and abused women and children.

... Maribel Gonzalez



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gigenth year old senior Jeff Carter gives blood at the annual blood drive to contribute to the health of others. The blood drive was on Dec. 3. The drive was strictly voluntary, although if the student was under age they had to obtain parental permission. Blood Cross worker Trina Souder was just one of the many nurses who drew blood from students throughout the day.



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legend editors junior Lesley Cash and seniors Shelley Djurich and April Greenwell, give out Editors' Choice Awards to fellow staff members at the Quill and Scroll Banquet. The banquet was April 28 in the South Commons. Awards were given from every staff throughout the night.



oreign Language Honor Society inductees junior Daymon Johnston, senior Stacey Kral and sophomore Alan Washburn light their candles during the candle light ceremony at the banquet.



NHS: Row 1: Marco Morales, Tom Kamada, Lucille Newton, Pedro Claudio, Darren Johnston, Rolando Soto, Brian Rogers, Chad Huffman, Brad Skafish, Tuan Nguyen. Row 2: Jennifer Mantz, Terda Sutherland, Cam Taylor, Teresa Wilkox, Michelle Eason, Jennifer Fisher, Danielle Robertson, Tonia Jarvis, Megan Kelly, Andrea Kirosh, Stacey Kral, Beth Sherman, Sandy Samardiga, Tracy Koschak, Cheryl Nyhart, Tricia Whitten, Danielle Nobles, Shaavia Hux, Sarah Newhall, Stephanie Markos, Raha Javed, Stephanie Lei, Mary Ellen Passarelli, Laura Demmon, Katrina Schaefer, Julie Appeltagen, Rebekah Brack, Gina Giesmond, Karen Regula, Kristin Cunningham, Sherla Lynch, Heather Baugh, Crystal Truzell. Row 3: Cara Velez, Jose Wertholz, Beth Lutz, Mandy Wai, Belyne Lutz, Anne Crockett, Jennifer Johns, Wendy Schaefer, Dana Wellman, Emily Frechett, Carrie Sood, Christine Smith, Katie Beckham, Jeremy Conner, Maria Pena, Jennifer Kelly, Dan Weeks, Elmore Mundell. Row 4: Mr. Dennis Norman, Elizabeth Johnson, Katie Hatala, Tammy Griffin, Lee Wimmerstrom, Jason Chaves, Sean Dalton, David Henderson, Lisa Christy, Shimi Sheth, Sean Conners, David Robertson, Kathy Ring, Leslie Crockett, Joel Lach, John Smith.



Business Professionals of America: Row 1: Jami Vukovich, Leslie Sullivan, Jennifer Vogt, Priscilla Espinosa, Karen Regula, Daniele Pickering. Row 2: Vicky Ortiz, Stacey Fields, Leah Whitten, Gloria Rodriguez, Tami Sickles. Row 3: Treva Doll, Kami Cooper, Satin Heroux, Melissa Chavez. Row 4: Mrs. Lori Pavell, Rebecca Stilwell, Paul Ballor, Katie Beckham, Jenny Parduhn, Ms. Jane Larson.



Quill and Scroll: Row 1: Sheila Lynch, Jenny Mason, Melissa Hasty, Nicole Anderson, Lana McCall, Amanda Childers. Row 2: Julie Appeltagen, Heather Baugh, Jennifer Buegler, Lesley Cash, Maribel Gonzalez. Row 3: Cheryl Banke, Sarah McEwan, Brian Graves, April Greenwell, Kelli Coppinger, Val Kowal.



Foreign language Honor Society: Row 1: Becky Hamstrom, Jenny Seigal, Ann Manske, Tony Sandry, Angie Rockwell, Annette Orr, Tonia Bailey, Marisa Calvert. Row 2: Suzanne Culp, Megan Kester, Jessica Tackett, Kelly McCorkle, Tonia Jarvis, Abby Marcenovich, Holly Binder, Stacey Kral, Jill Laidra. Row 3: Daymon Johnston, Holly Miles, Elizabeth Slaton, Heidi Hedstrom, Melissa Tarr, Kim Mink, Michelle Easton, Erica Murray, Christa Lovings. Row 4: Alan Washburn, Damaran McKoldy, Jason Renner, Louis Varner, Mike Hatala, Chris Kosovich, Jeff King, Jeff Chadwick.



aching Command in The Line of Duty

Striving to achieve their distant goal, one must acquire discipline, mental and physical strength along with focus. Cadets take pride in not violating the discipline code of ROTC.

"I think discipline is good because it's not real strict but it does help you with school work, discipline yourself, going to work and with everyday life," Amy Tucker, senior, said.

"I believe that every aspect of life takes some kind of self-discipline and the ROTC program just helps me push myself that extra inch to get accomplished what I really need to get accomplished. It also helps me see that I can do pretty much anything if I put my mind to it," freshman Charlie Staninger said.

Strict self-discipline is expressed in many ways, however, some ways don't have to be extremely severe to get the point across.

"I feel that I already use enough discipline in my life so this program is perfect for me because I can follow directions really well, as well as I'm a good leader," said senior Rich Jacobs.

"When you get in trouble you have to do push-ups or write sentences, I think it helps make them think twice," said Amy.

"There is what they call general knowledge quizzes that we have to take every now and then. For self-discipline I take it upon myself to set up rules for myself so that I will do

"Last year we were 7th and we want to bring it up to a minimum of a 3rd, but we are shooting for a 1st."

-Josh Puente, 12

better next time. My rules stand that for every question I miss on the general knowledge quiz, I do ten push-ups," junior Beverly Doll.

In the ROTC program cadets gain rank and become some what of an authority over underclassmen.

"In ROTC disciplinary actions are enforced by a higher rank or an upperclassman. If the problem is severe

enough Major White and Sergeant Major Altizer take action," said Heather Finnerty, junior.

"They are strict to an extent, not like the real service where they give CO's (command officers) for punishment," senior Josh Puente said.

The upperclassmen have an authority over the underclassmen when it comes to the rank and who listens to who first. Having peers as your guide is an awarding experience.

Beverly said, "I think that it is a lot better to have a peer being an authority over us because I feel that our cadet officers take more of an understanding to different situations that Major White and Sergeant Major Altizer might have to think back 20 years to relate to."

The cadets and officers both take a lot of pride in performing drill routines in competitions. An aspect that makes the competitions exciting is traveling to other states and cities.

"It's a lot of fun and drill meets are a blast. We may go to Florida for a national drill meet competition," Josh said.

... Valerie Kowal, April Greenwell



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enior Scott Heyse, Scarlet Knight, demonstrates the skill needed to shoot an air pistol during target practice.

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arching on the runway at the Fall Homecoming are color guard members Nikki Puckett, Rich Jacobs, Dennis Oslizlo and Mandy Stanko.

ROTC performs at many school events to show how PHS busis out with spiri.



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keeping the pace in the Homecoming parade marching down Central Ave. are drill members Dave Ruben and Toni Covelli. The members show their skills in throwing a single.



JROTC Officer's Row 1: Ruth Creech, Amy Tucker, Nikki Puckett, Elsa Chavarría
Row 2: Eric Goetz, Scott Heyse



JROTC Staff Co Row 1: Ken Heath, Chris Swanson, Jim Adamson, Ron Graham, Dave Ortiz
Row 2: Beverly Doll, Mandy Stanko, Nicole Siout, Heather Finnerty, Curtis Bledsoe
Row 3: Josh Puente, Rich Jacobs, Tim Manteuffel, Dennis Oslizio, Eddie Escalante



Scarlet Knights Row 1: Chris Bauknecht
Row 2: Mandy Shultz, Krysta Rousseau, Dawn English, April Russ, Sara Dexter
Row 3: Tony Covelli, Tery Oslizio, Sean Cohen



Enlisted JROTC Row 1: Luke Warner, Joe Sullivan, Charles R. Stammer III, Ryan Parker, Civil Blankenship, Mike Jackson, Jason Pratt, Dave Martin, Brian Shovel
Row 2: Paul Jarrell, Lori Venturco, Brandi Jones, Chris Espinoza, David Solzer, Martin Knight, Jill Childers, Jennifer Johano, Allen Metzner
Row 3: Brian Daniels, Mike Hogan, Chuck Tremblay, Buddy Pierce, Bob Rossman, Doug Polahl, Susan Bailey, Matt Beak, Christine Chapman
Row 4: Jannine Keeling, Alice Rene, Sarah Sadler, Marcee McColly, Bridgette Ripperdan, Caroline Apfelbacher, Isabelle Gonzales, Tiana Hardesty, Nora Cuellar, Shannon Gilfe



hoins sing their way to First-Division Ratings

"We were excited about (District) Contest this year," said senior Elmore Mundell. "The Symphonic Choir worked many hours to get the music right, but no matter how hard we tried, we just couldn't make it work enough to get us to State."

Many other members of Portage High School's choirs agree. Junior Laura Demmon said, "Every year the Symphonic Choir enters in Group I, which has the hardest music to sing. It's a real challenge to sing this music, but it's also a lot of fun. The challenge makes it all worth while."

Others were happy about their contest scores. "I thought the Girls Glee Choir did very well," junior Sarah Newhall said. "We scored very high in our Contest pieces, but we did pretty lousy in sight-reading. That will be the one thing that will keep us from State competition."

At District contest each choir

sings two to three songs from the group they have entered, Group V being the easiest and Group I being the hardest. The choirs are then judged by three different judges. They are judged on such categories as intonation, balance and dynamics. A Division I Rating ranges from 7 to 10.5, a 7 being a

**"I know we sang our best and tried our hardest, and that's all that matters."
Elmore Mundell, 12**

perfect score. A Division II Rating ranges from 11 to 15.5. For choirs in Groups III to I, there is also a sight-reading part to the competition. The Concert choir performed in Group III and received 9, 10, 11.5 and a 9 in sight-reading.

The Girls Glee Choir performed in Group II and re-

ceived 8.5, 8.5, 9 and an 11.5 in sight-reading. The Symphonic Choir performed in Group I and received 7.5, 8.5, 10.5 and a 9 in sight-reading. All choirs received a First-Division Rating, qualifying them for Super-State Competition, but because they were not in the top 16 scores in the state, none of the choirs were able to perform.

Freshman Brandon Miller said, "We may not have made it to State, but we had a lot of fun and maybe even learned a thing or two. There's no point in dwelling on it. We'll just get them next year!"

"For the past couple of years, I've been saying, 'We'll make it next year,' but I can't say that anymore. I don't mind too much that we didn't make it to State. I know they we sang our best and tried our hardest, and that's all that matters," Elmore said.

... Katie Belcher



Funior Beverly Doll, Becky Startup, Yvette Colorado and sophomore Julie Scholz prepare the song Sing a Song of Merry Christmas for the Choir Christmas Concert. The concert was on Dec. 15 in the East Auditorium.

Warming-up during a rehearsal, senior John Ferris practices his scales for the Pre-Contest Concert. The concert was held on March 26 in the East Auditorium. The Concert, Girls' Glee and Symphonic Choirs received a First Division Rating at contest on April 15 at Michigan City Elston.





embers of the 47th Edition of the Choralliers perform a jazz interpretation of the Christmas carol, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*.



Choralliers Row 1: Julie Castro, Mike Lopez, Jessica Arredondo, Brian Chelich, Alma Marlin, Bryan Conger, Carol Prigge. **Row 2:** Robert Morales, Tina Bacon, Frank Essany, Christine Byers, Ryan Laws, Stephanie Collins, Kaimi Blaha, Steve Kinder. **Row 3:** Jeff Miller, Jennifer Wilson, Kevin Senovic, Heather Waugh, Bob Kirk, Debbie Noffsinger.



Concert Choir Row 1: Mike Lopez, Carrie Stanley, Amber Bogold, Kim Spota, Crystal King, Brandy Thomas, Brian Chelich, Lisa Camacho, Marcia McGill, Heather Kucera, Alejandro Cerna, Marissa Vallejo, Tina De Los Santos. **Row 2:** Janet Varnos, Teri Arnes, Rebecca Startup, Treva Doll, Nikki Waininger, Tony Hynofos, Beverly Doll, Sandy Mills, John Farris, Loretta Jacobs, Sonja Szares, Nikki Harper, Tracy Kohler, Jose Torres, Melissa Carpenter. **Row 3:** Director Warren Miller, Janelle Peek, Jessica Meier, Frank Essany, Danette Reno, Jennifer Martinez, Jill Chidlow, Penny Needs, Susan Sullivan, Teresa Hudson, Tina Roach, Dawn Eaton, Jill Durham, Nathaniel Clough, Joaquin Becerra, Petra DeJesus, Christine Rusk. **Row 4:** Melissa Dobby, Jenny Mason, Jill Malcolm, John Scholz, Scott Mallock, Greg Graham, Jeff Carter, Bob Kirk, Kevin Senovic, Brandon Miller, Joe Charwood, Jim Thomas, Eric McLean, Ryan Laws, Michelle Swanson, Donovan McKiddy, Jeanna Lopez.



Symphonic Choir Row 1: Judith Castro, Patricia Labus, Amanda Cohen, Brian Chelich, Bryan Conger, Marcia McGill, Tammy Jacobs. **Row 2:** Director Warren Miller, Stephanie Wilson, Kaimi Blaha, Cindy Miller, Susan Conley, Robert Morales, Tina Bacon, Treva Doll, Laura Demmon, Sarah Mitchell. **Row 3:** Danielle Glenn, John Farris, Frank Essany, Heather Johnston, Nichole Szmato, Dawn Bunker, Christine Byers, Emily Smith, Steve Kinder, Shawn Heyse. **Row 4:** Carme Moyar, Jeff Miller, Heather Waugh, Jody Mallock, Jason Berman, David Henderson, Michael Pence, Joe Orag, Bob Kirk, Debbie Noffsinger, Elmore Mundell.



Girls' Glee Row 1: Elizabeth Singleton, Kristina Santonelli, Amie Thacker, Tina Fingerfoot, Crystal Durfee, Brenda Munson, Melissa Vanden, Heather Price, Amber Bogold, Krissi Evans. **Row 2:** Lori Brown, Christy Nesher, Patricia Labus, Jessica Arredondo, Mandy Mendonca, Sabrina Reed, Sarah Newhall, Amanda Siroky, Tereyda Barnes, Jodie McHargue, James Harris, Joanna Linneer, Carol Prigge. **Row 3:** Jessica Reed, Cristina Chandler, Stephanie Collins, Yvette Colorado, Anna Parsley, Windy Caudill, Sandy Mills, Jessica Meier, Kim Dudge, Angel Gray, Rhonda Sulzer, Calise Pickle, Director Warren Miller. **Row 4:** Jennifer Bates, Tomi Passon, Kathy Joseph, Michelle Swanson, Shany Smith, Sabrina Strong, Carme Moyar, Michelle Sparks, Erica Pickle, Sarah Wadde, Tammy Kiser, Kate Crum, Jenny Anderson, Rhannon Mikusovic, Julie Shelton.



Looking at life through a different angle

There are many different clubs to join. Some are for those with a creative side like the DRAW, Photo and Video Clubs. All of these clubs offer something different for those who join them. Some participate in different school events and others go on fieldtrips.

One of those clubs is the Video Club. The Video Club is for students who enjoy working behind the scenes. They video tape different school events like plays, musicals and Air Band.

Brigitte Swab, sophomore, said, "I joined the club so I can learn how to work the cameras and use computers and make graphics."

The Video Club meets regularly after school, but extra time is needed to stay after when a student signs up to tape one of the school activities. The Video Club is also in charge of taping and broadcasting the morning

announcements.

There is also the Photo and DRAW Clubs. Students join these clubs for some of the fieldtrips they go on. They went to the nursing home to paint faces and they also go to the Dunes.

Also important about both of these clubs is that they offer

"All the people who join have a special interest and want to continue it beyond the classroom."

—Mr. Joe Koss, Photo and DRAW Club sponsor

extra time to work on projects out of regular class time. The Art and Photo Clubs are also allowed to teach classes related to what they are good at.

Both the Photo and DRAW Clubs have lost a lot of members over the 37 years the clubs

have been here. The clubs have had as many as 20 to 30 members, now there are only around ten to 15 members. There are many advantages to having the smaller groups.

Niccole Anderson, senior, said, "It's a small group of people but it makes it easier. That way when we go on fieldtrips or other group activities it isn't as crowded."

Anyone can join the clubs. A student doesn't have to be enrolled in an art class, just have the common interest.

"I like being the sponsor of both the Photo and DRAW Clubs because all of the people who join have a special interest in art and want to continue their interest beyond the classroom," said Mr. Joe Koss.

Both the Photo and DRAW clubs are all worthwhile to those with a creative edge and the interest needed to enjoy them.

... Amanda Falck



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ideo Club sponsor Mr. Bob Beigh tapes the credits for the spring musical "Annie" while senior Chastity Alfaro waits her turn. The

Video Club taped "Annie" and sold copies of it to the student body.

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racticing shadows, freshman Dominic Rivera paints squares. Dominic is a member of the DRAW Club.





senior Vikki Carr takes a picture at the Dunes while junior Brandy Klinzmann and her mom, Edie Casias, walk behind her.



Video Club: Row 1: Patricia Labus, Bridgette Swab, Kim Gorgei, Aaron Galindo, Yvonne Pedroza, John Ortiz. Row 2: Kevin Mikaloff, Curtis Smith, Ed Lipinski, Michael David, Mat Kniola, Kate Crum.



DRAW and Photo Clubs: Row 1: Mike Washburn, Heather Granzow, Kim DeJesus, Crystal Heather Henderson, Mr. Joseph Koss. Row 2: Sarah Wadle, Sandy Samardzija, Niccole Anderson, Michele Morales.



hoto club member Mike Washburn, senior, sets up his tripod to take a picture at the Dunes. The Photo Club takes field trips throughout the year to take pictures.



Jazz Bands break through competition, receive Firsts

"Finally, all those 6 a.m. practices paid off," senior Jason Oness said.

On March 5, the Jazz Bands I and II competed in Jazz Competition, receiving a First Division Ratings. Both bands received scores of 13, 14, 15, with 11-16 a First Division Rating, 11 perfect.

"I've been playing trumpet for four years in concert bands. Jazz Band is a completely different experience. It's very challenging. The rhythms are a lot harder and the notes are a lot higher," sophomore Jenny Watson said.

Junior Holly Foreman agrees. "The hardest part in Jazz Band, which is also the most fun, is playing lead. There are some solos in lead where you make the notes as you play. That's always interesting. Still, it's great way of expressing yourself musically. Every per-

son would play something different, something unique. It's a lot of fun."

Jason finds other things besides the music that makes the class fun. "Our trip to Bloomington was great. We were just so obnoxious the whole way there! The trips are

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-Jason Oness, 12**

always the best part of any music organization. We all have at least one thing in common, we'd rather be sleeping, so it gives us something to complain about to get rid of the nervous energy. It's fun. I mean, the

concerts and contests are always exciting, but in and of themselves, they're very short.

It goes by so fast, and you're concentrating so hard you hardly remember it. Practices are the same. All you worry about is getting it right. During the trips, you can relax, talk about other things besides music and be with good friends with good taste in music!"

"I'm really excited that we got a First Division Rating. We really earned it. We've been working so hard for so long now," Jenny said.

"I knew we'd get a First. You have to think positive. If you don't, you're already beaten. We tried hard, and we knew we tried hard, and we proved that with one of our greatest performances yet," Jason said.

...Katie Belcher



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dam Davis, senior, stuns out a few chords during one of the Jazz Band rehearsals.

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Jazz Bands director Mr. Bob Symer shows his frustration during a rehearsal while the band prepares for contest.

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Ian Kane, junior, and Jennifer Fox and Jennifer Watson, sophomores, prepare a piece for contest. Both jazz bands received First Division Ratings at Contest.



Jazz Band I: Row 1: Holly Foreman, Michelle Curtis, Austin Goocher, Janie Miles, Annene Munoz, Dusty Casdill. Row 2: Becky Berwick, Mike Rogers, Bryan George, Jason Oness, Alan Washburn, Chuck Teel, Chris Kosovich. Row 3: Marc Rubens, Kurt Scheller, Derek Hart, Heath Hitchcock, Ryan Tuthill, Michael Pence, Jason Copeland.



Jazz Band II: Row 1: Becky Hamstrom, Amanda Gibson, Tiffany Kirchner, Jennifer Fox, Mark Gronck, Chyrua Timmons. Row 2: Jeff Gladken, Jennie Watson, Chris Westerkamp, Russ Simola, Alan Kane, Chris Huerta, Scott Mochl. Row 3: John Szabo, Eric Serrano, Karl Brown, Ron Holland, Joe Urban, Travis Thatcher-Curtis.

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sophomores Eric Serrano and Mark Gronck practice a difficult run in one of their musical selections.



reaking away with first division rating

"My favorite thing about being in band is all the friendships you make," sophomore Curtis Smith said. Although friends and fun come along with band, so does a lot of work.

Each year, the Concert and Symphonic Bands put on three concerts: the Christmas Concert, Pre-Contest Concert and Spring Festival. The Symphonic Band also does a concert for the middle school students in hopes to encourage more students to join band.

Besides concerts, there are also two major contests. One of them, Solo and Ensemble, is voluntary, but often well-participated. The District Band and Orchestra Solo and Ensemble is held here at Portage High School. Students participating in Group 1 solo and/or ensemble, the highest level, and receive a First Division Rating can advance to State competition.

"Unfortunately, this year's State Solo and Ensemble competition was snowed out for those of us in the northern part of the state. The roads were just too bad to try to risk going down. I'm really disappointed, but what can you do?" senior Gina Gesmond said.

The other contest is the Indiana

Secondary Schools Music Association (ISSMA) Competition. Again, the band needs to be entered in Group 1 and receive a First Division Rating in order to be qualified for State competition, but not just any band can go. Only the top eight in the state will be allowed to attend. Though for the past couple of years the Symphonic Band has

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this year."**

-Jason Oness, 12

scored First Division Ratings, they have fallen a couple points short of the top eight.

"I remember how close we (the Symphonic Band) came last year to State. It's been one of the motivating factors this year. We really think we may have a chance at State this year," senior Jason Oness said.

Around the time of Contest, tension is high. Band members get

excited about going to contest. Hoping they come home with a victory.

"I enjoy the last couple weeks before Contest. That's when people finally start buckling down and working hard on the pieces. The music finally starts coming together. It's exciting," sophomore Allan Washburn said.

Not everyone agrees. "It can be downright stressful right before Contest," Curtis said. "It's so tense. After we've got the music down, the little mistakes that we let go are now starting to show through. The directors become so stressed and that begins to wear off on all of us. After all, this one day is what we work for all year long. We have one shot, one chance to show how hard we've worked."

Still, through it all, the bands manage to stick together and come out on top. "It just always amazes me how we can have such a bad rehearsal the day before Contest and yet we still end up scoring so high. Maybe it's the stress or the thought of competition, maybe even making it to State. Who knows? I just have a feeling this year will be our year," Jason said.

...Katie Belcher



r. Robert Symer directs the Symphonic Band in preparation for contest. Besides District Contest, the band also hosts a May Festival.



unior Russell Simola and senior Dan Harold, playing sax and horn, respectively, concentrate on their music for the Middle School Recruitment concerts.



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unior Melissa Chavas plays her clarinet in preparation for District Contest. The Symphonic Band received a division rating.



Concert Band Row 1: Elise Espinosa, Jacque Leno, Cindy Miller, Brian Fugate, Mary Ellen Passarelli, Cvoite Richard, Virginia Tillman, Stacey Fields, Stephanie Gonzalez, Faith Anderson, Mark Gessel, Michelle Buggins, Kurian Mead. **Row 2:** Crystal Henderson, Janise Webster, Amanda Gibson, Jeff Gladden, Briana Dixon, Shawn Arden, Chris Huerta, Chantay Marsh, Paul Blanton, Chris Westerkamp, Megan Keser, Heather Gaines, Kim Nisbaum, Kar Vrska, Jill Durham. **Row 3:** Stacey Ellerman, Jennifer Fox, Sara Dexter, Christine Chapman, Michele Easton, Rhannon Mikavevic, Janet Brink, Ahe Ponsley, Curtis Smith, Kar Kozima, Jim Hampton, Jill Adamski, Heather Johnston, Jenne Wason, Michele Baker, Virginia Foster, Shelle Stout. **Row 4:** Mark Williams, Joy Franczek, Joey Anskalmis, Kelly Zapachucha, Eric Serrano, Ryan Reber, Justin Kay, Kevin Elliott, Karl Brown, Larry Monow, Derek Hart, George Ferguson, Chris Rowland, Alan Kane, Mike Gurevitz, Jenny Leska.



Symphonic Band Row 1: Dotty Caudill, Theresa Gibson, Becky Hamstrom, Christina Timmons, Heather Baugh, Yvonne Jaime, Michelle Brigham, Vicki Carr, Amanda Tisdler, Becky Deterline, Heidi Hedstrom, Lisa Spence, Christy Neyhart, Megan Smith, Nicole Brutout. **Row 2:** Priscilla Espinosa, Gina Gesmond, Wendy Schafer, Dana Wellman, Chrissie Loving, Emily Martin, Natalie Bellar, Annette Munoz, Jaime Miles, Kelli Coppinger, Jessica Friend, Melinda Hercules, Susie Hamstrom, Beth Shurman, Sandy Samardija, Crystal Fuzzell, Melissa Martin. **Row 3:** Jenny Parduhn, Sean Fingerhook, Carrie Mitchell, Jessica Greene, Erica Lund, Jason Renner, Melissa Chavas, Joe Urban, John Szabo, Jen Wilson, Bridget Nelson, Jon Hoover, Chuck Teel, Becky Berck, Holly Foreman, Julie Cable, Amy Hildley. **Row 4:** Chandra Haave, Russell Simola, Alan Washburn, Javon Bovenkerk, Ryan Tutbill, Heath Hitchcock, Michael Pence, David Robertson, Jason Oness, Chris David, Chris Kosovich, Susan Dicken, Steve Elliott, Cheryl Fain, Erik Kapka.

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rian George, senior, listens intently to the directions given by the director before a rehearsal for the Christmas concert.





orchestras earn top scores; place seventh in State

For the past nine years, Portage High School's Symphonic Orchestra has been invited to compete in the State competition seven times. This year was no exception. After receiving two 7's, a 7.5 and a 9.5 in sight-reading, a 7 being perfect, the orchestra placed in the top eight orchestras in the State, giving them the right to compete.

On April 30, the orchestra left at 3:30 a.m. to travel to Perry Meridian, just south of Indianapolis. The orchestra performed at 9:30 a.m. and had to wait until 1:30 p.m. for the results.

Junior Michelle Cain said, "The hardest part was having to get up so early in the morning and riding the bus for four hours and then sit and wait for two hours before we played. Once we started warming-up I began to get excited. I knew we were going to do good, and we did. Waiting was a little irritating, but we got to hear the other orchestras. That was neat, knowing who we were up against."

It was finally announced that the orchestra came in 7th place.

Though many were disappointed on the low score, many were still excited that they were in the top orchestras in the State. "I think making State contest was an excellent accomplishment and was well deserved considering the frustrating hard work that we all put into our songs," said junior Angela Back.

**"It's worth all the effort when you hear the music come together."-
LeslieCrockett,12**

The orchestra performed three songs, two of which were Group I pieces and one that was a filler number. The music categories are divided into five groups, Group V being the easiest and Group I being the hardest. The filler piece was *St. Laurence Overture* by Robert Washburn and the two Group I pieces were *Night in*

Mexico by Paul Creston and *Poet and Peasant* by Fr. von Suppe.

Though *Poet and Peasant* was considered the hardest piece, many of the orchestra members enjoyed that one the most. Senior Leslie Crockett said, "The von Suppe piece was the best because it was such a challenge. The challenge of *Poet and Peasant* is what gives it such an appeal. It was that song that got us to State. It was a lot of work, but it's worth all the effort when you hear the music come together."

The Concert Orchestra also had a good year. They played in Group IV and received two 7.5's and a 9.5, the highest scores the Concert Orchestra has ever received in Portage High School history. Both have worked hard this year, and their efforts have shown in the success they have achieved this year. Freshman Jeff Gladen said, "We worked hard, and it showed. There's only better things to improve on for next year."

... Katie Belcher



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nne Crockett, junior, practices a difficult run in Suppe's *Poet and Peasant*, one of the songs the orchestra performed for contest.

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The Symphonic Orchestra placed seventh in state competition.

Photo by Crystal Henderson

junior Nicole Collins and seniors Curtis Bledsoe and Jennifer Mantz prepare music for the 5th grade recruitment concert.



Photo by Crystal Henderson



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arry Morrow, junior, watches the director while resting, waiting for a cue to play. The Symphonic Orchestra received a First Division Rating. The Concert Orchestra Received a First Division rating also.

Photo by Crystal Henderson



Concert Orchestra Row 1: Lang Huang, Kathy Mesasaku, Brianna Williams, Sarah Lerch, Jason Pratt, Dana Rogers, Michelle Vogt, Karri Zacher, Sarah Bradford, Jennifer Serynek, Kim Jalob, Cindy Grunden. **Row 2:** Kelly Close, Stephanie Sander, Maria Casu, Erica Hollett, Wendy Hammond, Lara Levenson, Tina Houster, Alma Marlin, Shannon Lutsch, Jason Simpson, Cathy Campbell, Heather Andryak. **Row 3:** Becky Elliott, Courtney Simmons, Randi Ritter, Bethany Sahni, Desha Lewandowska, Julius Nazer, Angela Rasegren, Scott Swenden, Brian Stevenson, Bridgette Harsh, Katie Jurgensen, Thomas Lavendovsky, Cynthia Coburnson. **Row 4:** Melissa Sporer, Ricky Littlefield, Phil Gringalar, Heather Ciesielski, Mandy Cichowicz, Steven Renner, Aaron Daniels, Randy Rhoads, Pete Hernandez, Sarah Sloan, Kristin Zacher, Michelle Hamman, Michelle Lyon, Ed Isbell



Symphonic Orchestra Row 1: Amy Tucker, Kathy Claudio, Tami Hase, Jessica Mundell, Jessica Hutchins, Michelle Cain, Ruth L. Creech, Gabriel Chadduck, Jenny Dranchuk, Rebecca Startup, Stacey Ellerman, Cindy Biecham, Elsie Espinosa, Theresa Gibson. **Row 2:** Heidi Hedstrom, Emily Frechette, Jennifer Mantr, Martha Gonzalez, Radmila O'Bradovic, Lori Parduhn, Jenny Siminski, Tiffany Kuchner, Cal Ackerman, Christy Raman, Cara Velez, Jeff Gladden, Abby Marcinkovich. **Row 3:** Kelly Creech, Bridget Nelson, Salina Viera, Nicole Collins, Elizabeth Slatton, Katy Osterag, Katie Belcher, Leslie Crockett, Connie Dicken, Angela Back, Julie Raman, Curt Bledsoe, Michelle Hoover, Theresa Rossman. **Row 4:** Victoria Sanchez, Robynne M. Lute, Joel Lach, Mike Rogers, Susan Dicken, Jeremy Juszcik, Larry Murrow, Kevin Adams, Aaron Munoz, Jason Lach, Ron Holland, Jason Onco, Brian Rogers, Anne Crockett, Pedro Claudio.

Photo by Crystal Henderson

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ophomore Kelly Creech practices a pizzicato, plucking of the strings, on the cello during one of the Christmas numbers. The orchestras performed three concerts a year, Christmas, Pre-Contest Concert and Spring Festival.



Lab Bands enjoy practice and performance

"The Lab Band works really hard and we have a lot of talent, so I am confident we will do good at District competition. I just know we'll get a First Division rating," sophomore Joey Auskalnis said.

A variety of bands are offered for students to choose from. Two of them are the Lab Bands I and II. The bands worked especially hard for their district competition in April.

"I have a feeling we'll do very well," junior Paul Tarrgart said before the annual competition. "Marching season's over, we've finished the Christmas music and Solo and Ensemble is out of the way. All that's left to work on is our Contest music, which is really beginning to sound good."

Joey agrees. "The thing I enjoy most about Lab band is that you can have a good time and still get the job done. Unlike Concert Band, which I also am in, the Lab Bands are more relaxed. I mean, we take our job

just as seriously as the Concert and Symphonic Band, but because we perform in a lower group, there's not as much pressure for us to play perfect. Without all that stress, we actually play better."

Ken Heath, junior, said, "It's a lot of fun. I enjoy the music, so it makes practicing all the

"The thing I enjoy most... is that you can have a good time and still get the job done."

-Joey Auskalnis, 10

easier."

"My favorite song is *Declaration*," Joey said, "because it is a fast moving song with a good tuba part!"

"I agree," Paul said. "The best song we're playing is *Declaration*. It's really upbeat. It's easy to like a song that's fun to play."

"As long as you keep practicing, no matter what it is, you'll eventually get it. That seems to be what keeps our band going. If you just try, there's nothing you can't accomplish, including a first at Contest," Paul said.

"We practice so much for Contest. That's our goal, the one thing we work all year for. I mean, we have other concerts and stuff like that, a lot of us are in Marching and Pep Band, too, but the one thing we focus all our attention on is District Competition. We want a First, and we're going to get it," Ken said.

Joey agrees. "The band works pretty hard. We have a lot of talent, and it really shows. I know we'll do well at Contest. At least a First, and if we don't, it was rigged! Seriously though, we've put in enough time and effort to impress any judge. I know we'll make it."

... Katie Belcher



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courtney Melvin, sophomore, and Melissa Heck, junior, practice their music for competition. The Lab Band II placed first in District competition.



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reshmen Krista Scheller, David Roe and Cindy Hatala watch their music intently. The Lab Band I placed second in District competition.



freshman Nicole Smith warms up before class. The Lab Bands performed a Spring Festival on May 18.



Lab Band 2 Row 1: Stacy Lauer, Jessica Barnsville, Mickey Joseph, Karin Zurcher, Cnopy Levitskov, Courtney Shebesh, Sarah Natalie, Veronica Gonzalez, Brandy McLean, Christina Iltari, Sarah Bradford, Jessica Holtzman, Nicole Smith, Angela George, Courtney Pierce, Jenny Scegal, Crista Durfee, Nick Karris. **Row 2:** Jennifer Johnson, Jannine Kneeling, Christine Tereba, Amanda Simky, Krista Scheller, Janelle Peck, Juan Hontosa, Joe Mirak, Josh Eyermann, Jennifer Cap, Teva Black, Ted Nayer, Carlos Paz, Stacy Durr, Kim Dadek, Cynth Hataia, Elizabeth Verhich, Shawna Jenkins, Soua Soto, Carrie Schelle. **Row 3:** Tim Galati, David Roe, Derinda Smith, Carol Selby, Shawna Jacobs, Shannon Rose, Megan Edmonds, Christina Kozelink, Jill Murray, Courtney Melvin, Amber Boyer, Nathaniel Cloyd, Lisa Collins, Angela McWhirter, Kim Haskell, Chris Espinoza, Jackie Meak, Michelle Clark, Stacey Smolucky, Melissa Heck, Stephanie Sander, Amy Mathew, Holly McCune. **Row 4:** Lindsey Kistak, Brandy Kintzmann, Marissa Anderson, Steven Renner, Jeremy Kaser, Kristin Zorcher, Zach Murray, Amy Scribner, Shaun McCance, Linus Zankin, Joe Voka, Paul Targgart, Matt Anderson, Dan Garo, Rob Boyle, Joey Ausakins, Kevin Brown, Teri Lesko, Ken Heath, Matt Mover, Michelle Harman, Rachael Daulty, Susan Corley, Vonne Loeffler, Jodie Deckard.



Lab Band 1 Row 1: Tina Corbett, Christina Stokes, JK Joseph, Karen Vella, Sara Robbins, Margaret Opolski, Vanessa Stokes, Penny Needs, Nicole Chagoya, Jay Hudson, Tom Labus. **Row 2:** Windy Candill, Talca Shorter, Steven Reibly, Scott Moehl, Nick Lyman, Sean Will, Kevan Watson, Trace Timpe, Petra Delesius, Sam Barnes, Lisa Bastia. **Row 3:** Michelle Kenda, Danyette Reno, Shannon Melvin, Eric Stanley, Richard Furnish, Rachel Jameson, Megan Hodges, Josh Sims, Michelle Sparks, Kristie Gilmore, Melissa Dolby, Nick Rapaki. **Row 4:** David Denmon, Albert Ward, Jaime Nygra, Michael Childs, Bryan Anderson, Ron Booser, David Frailey, Chris Beach, Rob Covington, David King, Donald Woodke, Cheryl Blackburn, Bridgette Nelson.



ophomore Susan Corley and junior Tessa Black prepare music for the Christmas Concert. The concert was Dec 6 in the East Auditorium.



Breaking The Quota

Portage is like a little piece of the world, busting with people of different cultures and backgrounds.

Individuality is what gives us our bursting personality, our life and most of all, that individual pizzazz that sets us aside from other schools. Population also sets us aside from other schools; the student body reached an all time high with 2,828 and the low for the year was 2,480.

The year overflowed with memories, in some cases the memories were not so kind. From Hollywood to home, death touched us all in one way or another. Former President Richard Nixon, Kurt Cobain and precious loved ones from our own student body and faculty lost their lives this past year. Our hearts went out to the families hurt by these



eniors Ryan Fenters, Dustin Simmons, Eric Strawbaugh, Joe Frazier, Jerry Greer, Steve Rose and Ryan Jones show that they are ready to show all of their school spirit. The energetic boys entered the gymnasium and as the senior class yelled out letters, the guys ripped off their shirts in support of their class.



ne hundred and nineteen members of the student body died May 4, 1994. Juniors Jaime Kawiecki and Eric Hart were among the living dead that roamed the halls. The dead were made to represent out of the population of the school that have or will fall victims to a drinking and driving accident.



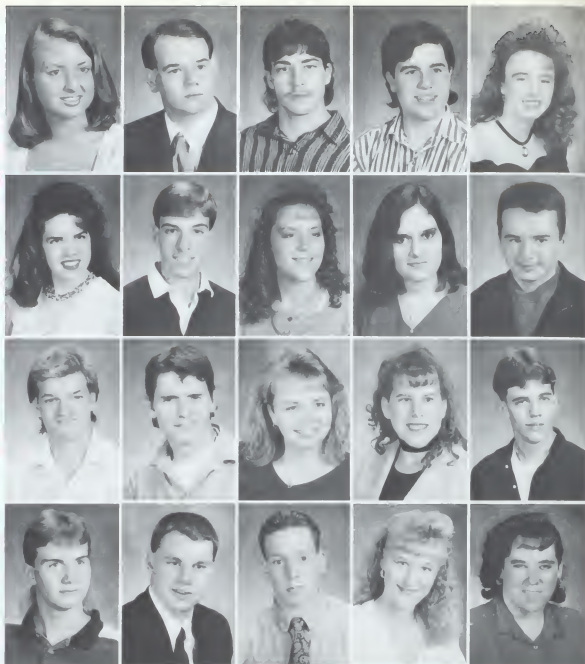


Carla Addison
Derek Alles *Saga* 3,4
Scott Ainsworth Acad. Dec 1;T.A.
2; German Club 1,2
Kenneth Albright
Chasity Alfaro

Erica Alicea
Dan Allen T.A. 2, 4; Cross Country
1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1
Candace Allsbury
Nicole Anderson Photo Club 3,4-Pres;
PowWow 2,3,4; French Club 2; *Saga*
4; Q&S 3,4; Draw 2,3,4;
Charles Andrews JROTC Color guard
4; Drill Team 3; Phys. Fit 4

Glenn Angle
Michael Angle
Heather Anteck SADDSTOP
4; Indianettes 4
Julie Appelhagen Acad. Let-
ter 3,4; NHS 3,4; Photo Club 3,4;
SADDSTOP 2,3,4; Photostaff 4;
Con. Band 2; French Club 1,2,3;
Spch and Deb. 3, 4-Sec.; TheSpi-
ans 2,3,4; March, Band 1,2; Stud.
Cl. 4
Steven Armes

Donald Austin
Butch Autenrieth Football 1
Miguel Ayala Football 1,2,3;
Wrestling 2,4
Tina Bacon T.A. 4; Choraliers 3,4;
Con. Choir 1; Con. Orch. 1; Sym.
Choir 3,4; Solo & Ens. 3,4; Glee Club
2,3;
Kristen Baker Life Skills 1, 2



Edging Forward to Future

The final year is here! The outside world is waiting to challenge the seniors to decisions, occupations and colleges.

Some seniors are aware of what they are planning to do and others are not sure.

"I am not sure exactly what I want to do, probably something business related," senior Tony Starr said.

Seniors have varieties of colleges to choose from and many to be accepted to. Many applied for colleges their junior year and are sure they know the college they want to attend.

"I plan to go to Ivy Technical Institute and pursue the field of Respiratory Therapy," senior Melissa Spurlock said.

However, Jennifer Livengood, senior, said, "I plan on attending Indiana University and entering a field that has to do with social services because I like to help people with their problems."

While these students plan for the future, they may have something to ease their minds by remembering a special

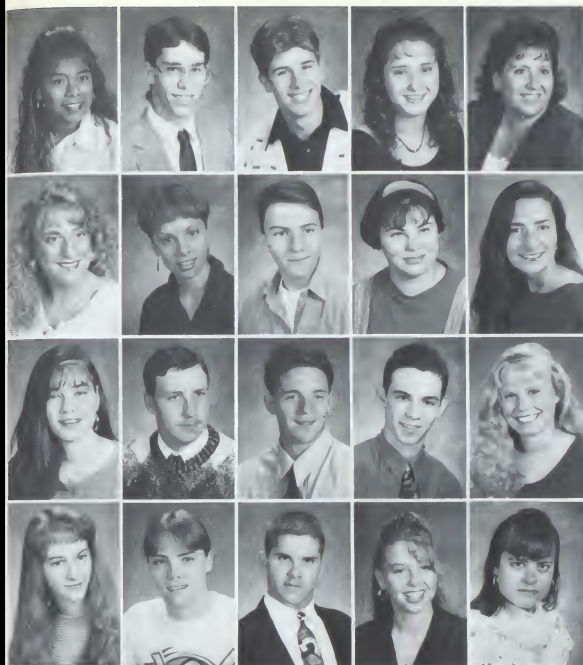
memory during their high school career.

"I'll remember all the times I spent with my girlfriend, Kerry," Tony stated.

Senior Tiffany Tarpley said, "Everything I've done in high school will be memorable, especially when I walk up and get my diploma."

"The only thing that

... Stephanie Markos



Theresa Balboa
Paul Ballor
Jason Barnard
 Tuesday Barnes Pep Club 3; Spanish Club 1; Intramurals 3; Glee Club 2,3,4; Peer Tutor 1,2,3,4
Jennifer Bates T.A. 2,4; JROTC 1,2,3; Drill Team 2,3; Basketball 1; Softball 1; Glee Club 2,3,4; Mgr. track.

Nicole Batides T.A. 1,2,3,4; French Club 1,2; Intramurals 1,2,3,4.
Heather Baugh Photo Club 3 Treas. 4 Pres.; Prom Comm. 3; French Club 1,2; Girls' State 3; Sym. Band 2,3,4; Stud. Ct. 2,3,4; Tennis 1,2; D.R.A.W Club 3,4
Jeremy Beasley
Katie Beckham
Natalie Bellar Jazz Band 3; Con. Band 3; Fresh. Band 1; Con. Choir 2,3; Sym. Band 4; Solo& Ens. 2,3,4

Carrie Belt Indianettes 2,3
Ryan Beres
Thomas Berger
Jason Berman T.A. 1,2,3; Choraliers 1,2,3; Con. Choir 1; Intramurals 3; Phys. Fit. 1,2,3,4; Sym. Band 2,3,4; Solo& Ens. 1,2,3,4;
Catherine Billick COIL 4; Photo Club 4; Prom Committee 3; Thespians 3,4; Softball 1; Student Council; Speech Club 4; Honorary Members 3

Jenny Bishop SADD/STOP 4
Daniel Blanton T.A. 2,3,4; Football 1
Curtis Bledsoe T.A. 4; Thespians 2,3,4; JROTC Col. Guard 4; Drill Team 3,4; Con. Orch. 1; Sym. Orch. 2,3,4; Solo & Ens. 1
Crispin Block
Kari Blouir Pow Wow 3,4; Spch. & Deb. 2

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Experiences

grasp their diploma tightly, they realize that they'll be on the edge of tomorrow and that their present decisions will decide their future. These students also understand that they need to show some maturity, responsibility and reliability because the adult world is full of a variety of challenges and many let-downs. Whichever road is taken, much luck goes with them.



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enior Cary Goffredo and Jill Gibson enjoy the time spent together during lunch because once high school ends, some friendships may end.

really scares me about the outside world is the unknown," Melissa stated.

Some seniors pass down advice to the upcoming classmen.

"Try to treat everyone better by not being so selfish and try not to repeat the same mistakes others did," Tony stated.

Tiffany said, "Don't think that your senior

year is a blow-off year, study hard and make it fun."

Also, Victoria Perez, senior, said, "My advice would be to not let anyone tell you what to do because a person has their own opinion and a person can do whatever they want if you put your mind to it."

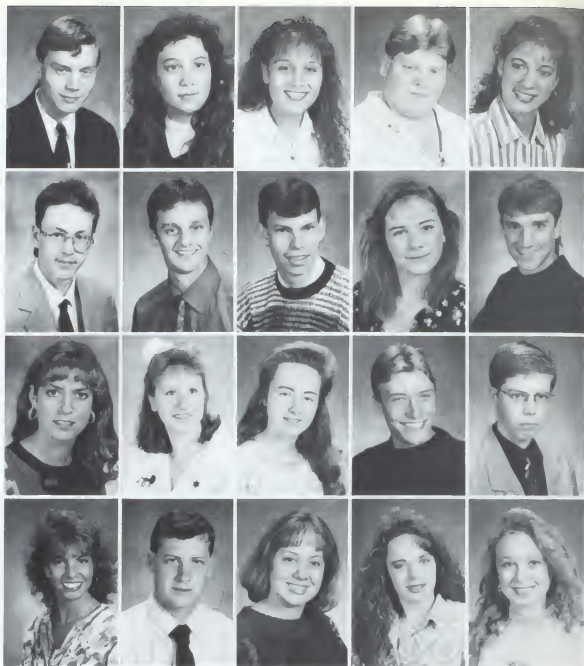
As seniors exit PHS with excitement as they

James Bolint
Valerie Boruff
 Claudia Boyle Intramurals 3; Peer
 Tutor 3,4
Shane Brady T.A. 4; Medieval Club 3
Rebekah Brajcki Acad. letter 3,4;
 N.H.S. 3,4; Prom Committee 3; SADD/
 STOP 4; Gymnastics 1,2,3

Joseph Brennan T.A. 1;
Anthony Brewer
Janey Bridges
Lorraine Brigham Acad. letter 4;
 FLHS 3; T.A. 4
Booby Brockway Soccer 1,2,3,4

Veronica Brockway
Michelle Brown
Michelle Buckner Con. Orch. 1;
 Business Club 4; Sym. Orch. 2, 3
Russell Bulitt
Nathaniel Burgess SADD/STOP
 4

Tammi Bush
Geoffrey Butler
Christine Byers Choraliers 4;
 Indianettes 2,3; Solo&Ens. 1,4; Golf 2;
 Indianettes 3; Glee Club 2,3
Julie Cahle Con. Band 3; March, Band
 1,2,3,4; Sym. Band 4; Solo&Ens. 1
Julie Capellari T.A. 1,2,3,4; Choraliers
 3,4; Con. Choir 1; Glee Club 2,3; Sym.
 Choir 4



ntelligent Minds Inspire

... Jennifer Johns

Seniors go through many teachers by the time they are ready to graduate from high school. The ones that helped them fall asleep in class, the ones that drive them crazy and the teachers that stay after school to explain what they're doing wrong on tests. Therefore, there is often one teacher whose inspiration will

never be forgotten

Beth Shurman said that Mrs. Kathy Kotyuk, her English teacher, made her want to learn. "She's such a nice lady, she made class enjoyable," Shurman said.

Sandy Samardizia was inspired by a student teacher, Ms. Darr. Samardizia said, "She really tried motivating the class in an original

way. She gave me a lot of self confidence in my writing so I wasn't afraid to write what I was feeling."

Dave Henderson had two teachers who made his high school years memorable, Mrs. Sherry Ohlfest and Mrs. Mary Sparacino. Henderson said, "They worked hard and forced me to learn."

Similarly, Martha

Gonzales said Mrs. Ohlfest was her favorite because, "she prepares you for reality, she demands a lot, she pushes."

Joel Lach, a Mr. Jim Douglas fan, said, "He does not only teach the subject, he teaches people how to analyze their own actions and make the right decision in any situation."

Elmore Mundell said



Crystal Carlton
Victoria Carr Spanish Club 2;
Con. Band 3; March. Band 1,2,3;
Sym. Band 4; Saga 3,4; Pep Band
1,2,3,4
Desiree Carrillo
Jeff Carter Con. Choir 1
Christopher Casco

Dusty Caudill Jazz Band 4; T.A. 1,2;
Latin Club 1; Con. Band 3; March.
Band 3,4; Sym. Band 4
Joshua Cavan
Michael Chabes
Jeffrey Chadwick
Edward Chaja Con. Choir 1,2; Phys.
Fit. 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2

Byron Chandler
Larry Chapman Football 1
Eric Chasko
Elsa Chavarria
John Chavarria

Amber Chavez Thespians 2,3,4; Con.
Orch. 1, 2; Solo&Ens. 1, 2
Melissa Chavez Pom Poms 3,4;
French Club 1,2,3 -V.P.; Honorary
Members 4
Karen Cheng
Jeremy Chinn Ski Club 2,3,4
Karly Chnupa

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Students

of his favorite teacher, Mr. Dave Masty, "He's just cool!"

Peter Apfelbacher had the same opinion of his favorite, Calculus teacher Mr. Darryl Schultz.

Corrie Donnelly really enjoyed Mrs. Linda Hicks' class because it gave her the opportunity to meet new friends. "I think she has

a lot of cool teaching methods," Donnelly said.

Latin teacher, Mr. Bill Schott, was Stacey Kral's favorite. "I've had him for 5 years. He's more like a friend than a teacher. He's very understanding and he doesn't expect too much. He's an all around nice guy."

Even though these are

not the only outstanding, intelligent, caring and inspiring teachers at Portage High School, these teachers who make the last year here special for the seniors, will never be forgotten because of all the time and effort some teachers gave, the bad jokes they've told or the helpful advice they give at certain times.



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onversing with senior Danielle Robertson, Mr. Joseph Stevens, English teacher, helps her prepare a scene for a play.

Dawn Christman Fresh, band 1;
March, Band 1; *Saga* 4; Track 3
Lisa Christy Acad. Letter 4; FLHS
3,4; NHS 3,4; Spanish Club 2;
Intramurals 3,4
Ryan Churchill Latin Club 1,2; Con.
Band 1
Anthony Cichowlaz Basketball
1,2,3,4
Dewayne Clanton

Joseph Clasen Basketball 1; Football
1,2,3,4; Track 3,4
Pedro Claudio
Andrew Claussen
Robin Clem
Bryon Clouse News Bureau 2; T.A.
3,4; Intramurals 1,2; Basketball 1,3,4;
Cross Country 3,4; Football 1; *Saga* 4;
Tennis 2; Track 3,4;

Angie Coe Pep Club 3,4; Pom Poms
3,4-Capt; Choraliers 1,2; Con. Choir
1; Sym. Choir 2,3
Shannon Combs
Shawn Conner
Kelly Cool Peer Tutor 2,3,4
Kelli Coppinger FLHS 3,4; News
Bureau 2,3,4; T.A. 4; Con. Band 2,3;
Fresh. Band 1; Sym. Band 4; Q&S 3,4

Edgar Couture
Jennifer Cox Con. Chorus 1;
Basketball 1,2; Softball 1,2; Fresh.
Chorus 1; Glee Club 2,3
Stacy Couture
Joshua Cox
Megan Crafton SADD/STOP 1,2;
Con. Band 3; March. Band 3; Softball
1,2



magining Outlooks On U

... Shelley Djurich

Old and fat, gray haired with a receding hairline, bald, the president of a food corporation or married with many children. In 10 years how will students of Portage High School see themselves. This is a question that only time will tell.

"In ten years I see myself as a beautician who is making plenty of money. I've already reached my goal because I'm in a vocational program for that career," senior

Heather Reno said.

Senior Evette Sanchez said, "I see myself having my own practice in Dentistry. I plan to attend a University with the help of my parents' savings."

"I see myself in another state, married, two children and helping young people to make decisions that will help them throughout their day to day life," said senior Curt Bledsoe.

Senior Rich Jacobs said,

"I plan on being a business major then becoming an accountant for a large corporation."

"I see myself living out of town, married, with no children and being a beautician," said senior Ruth Creech.

Motivation is said to be the key to success. Parents, teachers and counselors try to motivate students to prepare them for their future.

"I like to help people. I can listen and I can give my

honest opinion. The overall point is that I will be doing what I know I've been called to do," Bledsoe.

Creech added, "I like styling the customer's hair which is why I want to do this."

"I just really like working with a person's hair and that's what motivated me to make my decision," Reno added.

By their senior year, students have a futuristic image of what their life might be in



Angela Crawford T.A. 4
 Ruth Creech T.A. 4; Color Guard 4;
 Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Con. Orch. 1 Sym.
 Orch. 2,3,4
 Kenneth Crews
 Leslie Crockett Cheerleader 1,2,3,4;
 NHS 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Prom
 Committee 3; Sym. Orch. 1,2,3,4;
 Solo&Ens. 1,2,3,4; Class V-P 3,4;
 Track 1,2,3,4; Prom Court 3
 Michelle Curtis Jazz Band 3,4; Con.
 Band 2; March, Band 1,2,3,4; Sym.
 Band 3; Solo&Ens. 1; Pep Band 1,2
 Mikell Daeg T.A. 1,3,4; Swimming
 1,2
 Brian Daniels
 Christopher David
 Adam Davis Acad. Letter 3; Jazz Band
 4; Cross Country 2,3; Track 1,2;
 Jennifer Dennis Br.& Pal 1; T.A. 2,3;

Becky Dettlerline T.A. 3,4; Sym.
 Band 3,4; Track 2,4; Athletic Train. 4
 Anthony DeVries COIL 4; Basket-
 ball 1; Unified Basketball 2,3,4
 Shane Diaz
 Susan Dicken Acad. Letter 3,4; FCA
 4; NHS 3,4; String Ens. 1,2,3,4; Sym.
 Band 2,3,4; Solo&Ens. 1,2,3,4; Tenna-
 3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4-Capt.
 Brian Djurich

Shelley Djurich SADD/STOP 1,2;
 Intramurals 2,3,4; Legend 2,3,4
 Brandon Dolby
 Treva Doll Choraliers Crew 4; Con.
 Choir 1,4; Business Club 4; Glee
 Club 2,3
 Corrie Donelli Acad. Letter 3,4;
 Acad. Dec. 3,4; COIL 4; NHS 3,4;
 Bryon Dowd Football 1,2,3,4

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coming Years

the year 2004.

Another thing that might change a student's future is the past. A student's academic ability may have limited them in their future. Many of the seniors would have done things during high school a little differently.

"I probably wouldn't have changed a thing about my high school career because I had a lot of fun these past four years," Reno replied.

"I would have been a little

more relaxed. I've been too serious about everything. I have not had the fun that I could have had with my friends because of my responsible attitude," Bledsoe replied.

Jacobs added, "I wish I would have joined more sports and clubs because that would've made high school more fun."

Sanchez later added, "I just wish I would hit 5 feet and 1 1/2 inches because I'm

sick of being teased."

Many students predicted excellent future goals and careers. Students also received the help of their counselors to make such big decisions, for instance, like finding the right career. Also, some students turned to their parents for advice on which careers will flourish for a while. Choosing the right employment is a decision that could make the future positive in the years to come.



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eer tutoring is a way to get experience for future goals. Claudia Boyle, senior, who is a peer tutor, helps James Poe, junior. Being a peer tutor helps one prepare for a future involving people skills.

Joyce Drasich

Dawn Eaton Pep Club 1,2,3,4;
SADD/STOP 3,4; Con. Choir 1,2,4;
Sym. Orch. 1

Stacey Elsel

Brian Emery Boys' State 3; German
Club 1,2

Shawn Enstrom

Spanish Club 1;
T.A. 3,4; March. Band 1; Soccer
1,3,4; Swimming 2; Tennis 2,3

Priscilla Espinosa Jazz Band 4; Con.
Band 2; Fresh. Band 1; Con. Orch. 1;
Intramurals 3; Business Club 4; Sym.
Band 3,4; Solo&Ens. 1; Pep Band 2

Brian Essary**Mary Estep****Harvey Evans**

Kristi Evans Life Skills 1;
Solo&Ens. 1; Saga 1; Glee Club 3

Melvin Evans**Roberta Ewing**

Robert Eyermann German Club
1,2,3,4

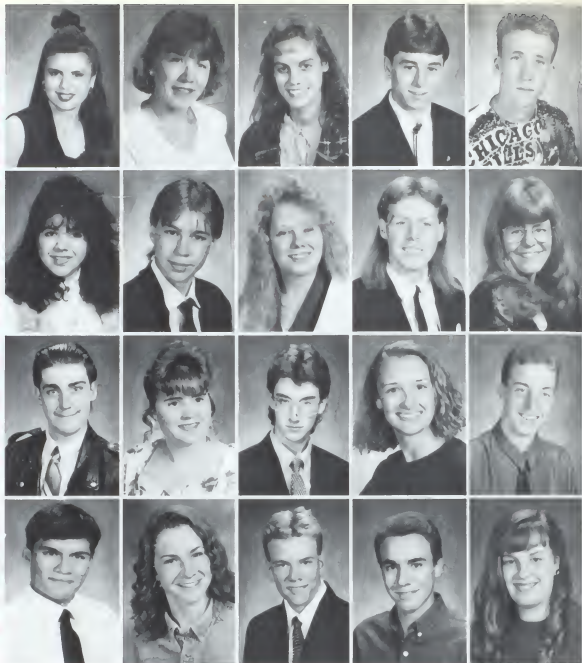
Cheryl Fain Acad. Letter 4; PCA
3,4; NHS 3,4; Con. Band 2; Fresh.
Band 1; Orch. Winds 2; Sym Band
3,4; Basketball 1,2; Soccer 1;
Swimming 1

Eric Fancher Latin Club 3,4;
Baseball 1,2,3,4;

John Farris T.A. 1; Choraliers 1;
Con. Choir 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 1;
Sym. Choir 2,3,4; Saga 3

Teresa Fee

Band 1;
Ran Fenters Prom Court 3; Winter
Home. Court 3; Baseball 1,2,3,4;
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1

Leonardo Ferreira**Jessica Fields**

Memories: A Part Of Recall

... Kerry Kubeck

Class ends and halls become crowded with people who walk as slow as turtles while many seniors manage to trudge their way through the crowds, rush up the stairs without tripping and race to their class to be on time. Then when arriving, the student looks at the time and realizes the clocks are a

few minutes off again and thinks: this is one thing I won't miss about PHS.

The 1994 senior class at the Pep Session's screaming contest during Homecoming, their spirit at football games and the special memories shared are things that will be missed by many.

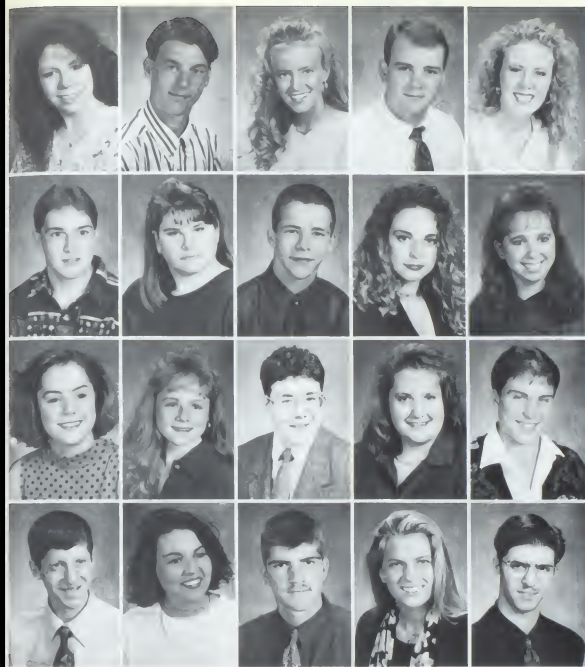
"I will miss the bond-age that the senior guys and I have. I won't miss some of the senior females though because of their gossip," Kurt Mattix, senior, said.

Losing a specific game in a sport, dropping a leadership role in an organization because of personal conflicts or not doing good on

SAT's may be a bad memory for some.

Jason Renner, senior, replied, "My worst memory is when Marching Band didn't qualify for Regionals."

However, senior, Jeff Chadwick replied, "The worst memory for me was Homecoming week when the senior class and some juniors ruined



Stacey Fields Con. Band 4; T.A. 4; Business Club 4; March. Band 2,3,4; Pep Band 2
Sean Fingerhoo
Jennifer Fisher
Kent Fisher FCA 1,2,3,4; T.A. 2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Football 1,3,4; Golf 3
Victoria Fisher COIL 4; Prom Committee 3; Spch.&Deb. 4; French Club 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2; Stud. Council; Class Rep. 4

Steven Flanagan T.A. 4; Football 1
Jennifer Fluck
Joseph Foster
Rebecca Foust Fresh. Band 1; Indianettes 3; March. Band 1; Sym. Band 3
Kelly Frazo

Jamie Frederick
Jessica Frencl Con. Band 2; Fresh. Band 1; Orch. Winds 2; Sym. Band 3,4; Basketball 1
Peter Fricl Acad. Dec. 3,4; Con. Orch. 1;
Crystal Frizzell Acad. Letter 3,4; COIL 4; SADD/STOP 4; Con. Band 3; Sym. Band 4
Walter Fultz

Anthony Galati T.A. 3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Tennis 2
Amanda Gallindo T.A. 3; Saga 2,3
Scott Garzella
Sarah Geiger
Bryan George

ed History

Photo-Heather Baugh

signed up for Athletic Training and then a conflict arose. I wish I could have taken the class for medical knowledge."

Furthermore, PHS has given the senior class many memories to converse about to future friends and family. In the upcoming years, many underclassmen will have the role of portraying this school's reputation in a positive way.

the activities for future classes because of immature behavior."

Getting every senior to put their differences aside in order to get along for one day and getting students to stop spitting chewing tobacco in the water fountains could be ways to change a senior's last year here.

"I would try to change some attitudes because a lot of the seniors dislike each other. Therefore, we're not a very bonding class. Many are stuck up and there is a lot of cliques," said senior Jenny Cox.

Contrarily, Susan Dicken, senior, said, "My schedule is what I'd like to change. I



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uring the fall Homecoming parade, Danielle Robertson, Gina Gesmond and Lesa Strausbaugh, seniors, dressed as gangsters and waved to the crowd while walking beside the senior float.

Gina Gesmond Acad. Letter 3,4;
COIL 4; News Bureau 3,4; SADD/
STOP 2,3,4; T.A. 3,4; French Club
2,3; *Saga* 3,4; Q&S 3,4
Jill Gibson T.A. 3,4; Thespians 2,3,4
Danielle Glenn Prom Comm. 3;
SADD/STOP 1; Ski Club 1; Sym.
Choir 2,3,4
Eric Goetz JROTC Color Guard 2;
Drill Team 4; Phys. Fit. 4; Rifle Team
4; Science Club 1; Baseball 1
Cary Goffredo Thespians 1; Ski
Club 1,2

Martha Gonzalez Spanish Club 2,3;
SADD/STOP 4; Latin Club 3,4; Con.
Orch. 1,2,3; Thespians 4; Solo&Ens.
1,2,3,4; *Saga* 4
Austin Goocher Jazz Band 2,3,4;
Golf 2,3,4
Adam Gordon T.A. 4; Gifted/Talent.
Art Club 3,4
Dustie Grant
Richard Grasham

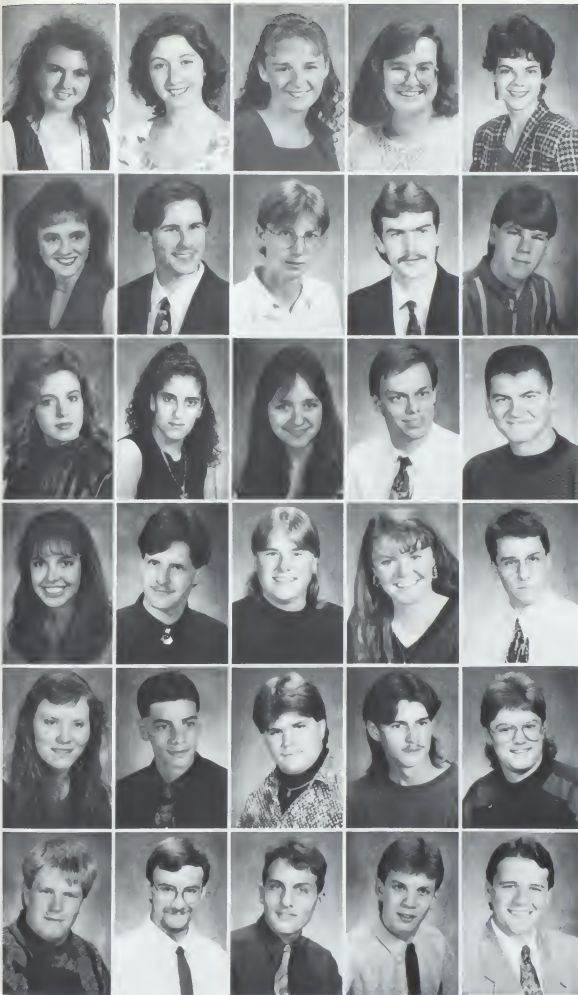
Brian Graves T.A. 4; Legend 2,3,4;
Intramurals 2; Cross Country 3; Q&S
3,4; Track 2,3,4
Rebecca Green
Jessica Greene
April Greenwell T.A. 3,4; Legend
2,3,4; Class Rep. 4
Jerry Greer

Thomas Gregorczyk Acad. Letter 3,4;
Acad. Dec. 3,4; FCA 1,2; Intramurals
1,4
Eddie Guss
Daniel Harrell Jazz Band 3; Photo
Club 4; SADD/STOP 4; Con. Band 2;
Sym. Band 3,4; Pep Band 1,2
Patrick Harvey
Debbie Haskell

Chandra Hassie COIL 4; Prom Comm.
3; T.A. 3; Thespians 4; Pep Band
1,2,3,4; Drum Major 3,4; Orch. Winds
1,2,3,4; Sym. Band 2,3,4; Ski Club 1
Jason Hatfield Photo Club 3,4
Greg Hendershott
Crystal Henderson Photo Club 3,4;
SADD/STOP 3,4; Con. Band 2,3,4; Pep
Band 1,2,3,4
David Henderson Acad. Letter 3,4;
COIL 4; FLHS 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; T.A. 3,4;
French Club 1,2,3; Thespians 2,3,4;
Sym. Band 2,3

Michelle Henriks
Satin Heroux Cheerleader 2; Pep
Club 2; T.A. 3,4; Fresh. Band 1;
Business Club 4
Timothy Hess
Scott Heyse Latin Club 3,4; JROTC
Color Guard 2,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4;
Rifle Team 2,4
Amy Hilde





Brandi Hofferth
Tiffany Hollifield
Tara Hoots Thespians 2; Con. Chorus 1; Business Club 4
Michelle Hoover
Abigail Howe SADD/STOP 4; T.A. 1; Prayer Group 3.4

Michelle Howell Prom Comm. 3
Tony Hrisofos Con. Choir 4
Eric Huball
Brian Hull
David Hutchins T.A. 1.4; Latin Club 1

Rachael Hutman SADD/STOP 3.4; Indianettes 1.2; Latin Club 1; Solo&Ens. 1.2.3; Sym. Band 2.3.4; Pep Band 2
Camelia Ibrahim SADD/STOP 3; T.A. 1
Laura Isley
Matthew Iszler Intramurals 2.3
Richard Jacobs Latin Club 1; Drill Team 3; Baseball 1; Football 3; Environmental Club 4

Jennifer Johns NHS 3.4; SADD/STOP 2; Legend 4; Con. Band 1; Spch.&Deb. 4; Thespians 2.3.4; March Band 1.2.3.4; Sym. Band 2.3.4; Tennis 1; Track 2
Robert Johnson
David Johnston
Kimberly Johnston Intramurals 1.2.3
Christopher Jones

Rhonda Sue Jones Br. & Pal. 1.2; Medieval Club 4
Andre Joseph COIL 4; T.A. 3; Football 1
Jerry Joseph Jr.
Mark Joselyn
William Jump

Jonathan Keen
William Kehoe Jazz Band 3; Con. Band 2.3; Medieval Club 3.4; Business Club 4; March Band 1.2.3
Mike Keith Latin Club 1.2.3.4; Baseball 1.2; Wrestling 1.3
Ronald Kelley
David Kellogg Acad. Letter 4; Con. Band 2; March Band 1.2.3; Sym. Band 3

Jennifer Kelly Acad. Letter 3,4;
FLHS 2,3,4; SADD/STOP 2, 4;
Spanish Club 1; Legend 4; French
Club 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Winter
Homecoming Ct. 3
Jeffrey Kennedy
Tanya Kirchner
Andrea Kirish Acad. Letter 3,4;
Photo Club 3,4; Spanish Club 3;
SADD/STOP 3,4; T.A. 2; Spch. &
Deb. 3,4; Stud. Ct. 4.
Robert Kirk

Steven Kish
Jan Klakoski T.A. 2,4; Swimming
2,3,4; Volleyball 1
Jennifer Knight T.A. 3,4
Linda Kochler
Quinn Kochler

Valerie Kowal Legend 1,2,3,4-
Editor-in-chief; Q&S 2,3,4
Stacey Kral
Kerry Kulbeck Legend 3,4; SADD/
STOP 4
Brian Kubiak
Paula Kuntz Pep Club 1; Indianettes
3; March, Band 3

Patricia Labus
Joel Lach
Lawrence LaFlower
Angela Lewandowski Chinese Club
3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Con. Band 2,3;
March, Band 1,2,3; Pep Band 3
Christy Lewis



Ha! Ha! Did You See That

... Alicia Balazs

The day's going great, everything is close to perfect then it finally happens. Every soul around was looking at the student as he had the most embarrassing moment of his life. Suddenly, his face gets red hot. Now that student has such a red blood face, everyone knows some-

thing humiliating has happened. Then that thought crosses, does anyone know what just happened?

Corey Dennison, senior, recalls the time when he was in advanced speech. He stood up to give a speech and had a piece of cheeseburger in his goatee. Everybody in the

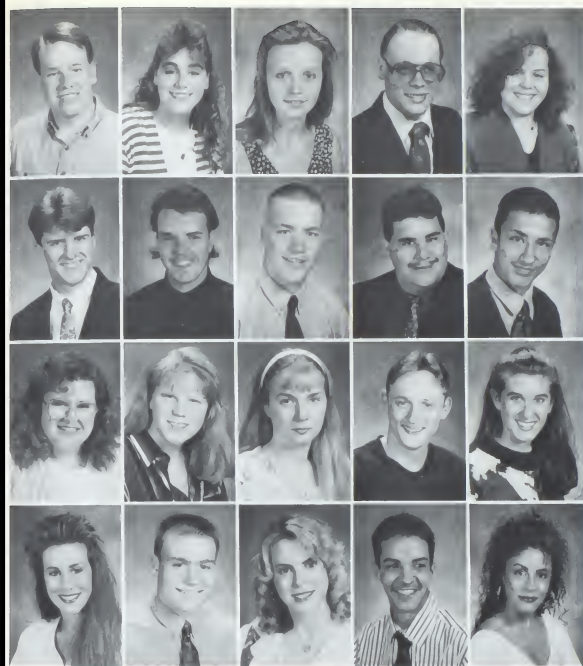
class decided not to tell him the cheeseburger was there.

"I had to go through school without wearing a bra because the upperclass girls on the swim team took it for initiation," senior Jan Klakoski said.

For some of the students, looking back at that moment could

have been either a really good laugh or it could have been one of their most tragic moments of their high school career.

Senior Rachel Moore said, "When I slipped on the ice in front of everyone which left me feeling really dumb. Now I can look back and laugh because no-



Joseph Lindfeldt SADD/STOP 3,4;
President; T.A. 4; Stud. Coun. 4; Business Club 4 Hope Club 4
Joanna Lonsmeier Pep Club 3;
Indianettes 1,2,3,4; Con. Chorus
1,2,3,4; Business Club 4; March. Band
1,2,3,4
Jennifer Livengood
Charles Llamas
Cristina Llamas

Michael Longworth, Jr. Track 3,4
Bobby Loomis
Jeremie Lovall Football 1,2,3,4
Thomas Luellman T.A. 2,3,4;
Football 1
Jon Lukowski Intramurals
1,2,3; Basketball 1; Tennis 2,3,4

Cyndi Lush Con. Choir 1; Environ.
Club 4; German Club 1; Glee Club
2,3,4
Cindy Lute
Sheila Lynch Acad. Letter 3,4; FLHS
2,3,4; Pow Wow 2,3,4; Con. Orch. 1,3;
String Ens. 3; Solo & Ens. 1,2,3;
Q&S 2,3,4; Sym. Orch. 2,4
William Mack
Trina Malangoni French Club 1;
Intramurals 1,2,3,4; T.A. 1,2,3

Heather Malaziosa
Timothy Manteuffel
Jennifer Mantz
Aaron Marentes Spanish Club 1
Jennifer Mariani Pep Club 3,4; Pom
Pons 3,4; Spanish Club 1

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not at the time it happened," senior Jennifer Rodgers said.

Corey added, "Now that I look back I can say that I was really funny!"

"My sophomore year, I went to a boy's swim meet. I was walking with a friend of mine to the bathroom and we weren't paying attention to where we were going then we walked right into the boy's locker room. I'd laugh about it now if

Photo-Heather Baugh those guys knew we were in their locker room," senior Teresa Fee said.

Time and time again students have an accident. Some of those accidents led to hilarious memories of that moment. As life passes by, those great memories still linger in their head about that one time when he had that well known red face.



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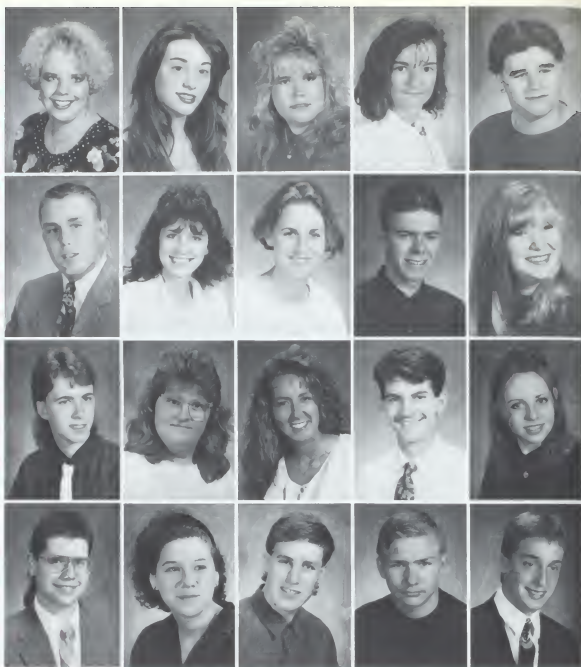
senior Mike Longworth and junior Kurt Scheller forgot that embarrassing moments can be caught on film. Mike and Kurt decided to embarrass themselves during Spirit Week on camera.

Melissa Martin Con. Band 3; Fresh.
Band 1; Sym. Band 4; Sym. Choir
3,4; Glee Club 2
Pennie Martin
Shawna Martinez SADD/STOP 1;
T.A. 1,3; Life Skills 2; Peer Tutor 4
Jennifer Mason *Pow Wow* 2,3,4;
Spanish Club 1,2; SADD/STOP 2,4;
T.A. 2,3,4; Con. Choir 4; Hope Club 4
Joseph Matlock

Kurt Mattis FCA 1,2,3,4; Prom Ct.
3; World Affairs 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4;
Football 1,2,3,4-Capt.
Nicole Maul Phys. Fit. 1,2; T.A. 4
Christina Maxwell
James Maynard, Jr. IV
Lana McCall Prom Comm. 3; *Pow*
Wow 3,4; Thespians 2,3,4; Q&S 4

Andrew McCance Acad. Letter 4;
German Club 1,2,3,4
Dena McCay
Lana McCorkle Acad. Letter 3,4;
Cheerleader 2; NHS 3,4; Pep Club 2;
Prom Comm. 3;
Bryan McCulloch
Jennie McDougal Cheerleader 2;
Prom Comm. 3; SADD/STOP 2; T.A.
4; Con. Choir 1; Sym. Choir 2

Chris McGee
Marcia McGill Con. Band 2,3; Con.
Choir 1,4; Orch. Winds 2; March. Band
1; Sym. Choir 3,4; Solo & Ensembles 1,2;
Glee Club 2; Prayer Group 3,4
James McGuire
Brandon McKinney Wrestling 1,2,3,4
James McMurry



Student Lives Go Through

... Kerry Kubeck

Seniors realize once they graduate and leave home that they will be on their own. However, while staying at home, many compromise with parents to change rules in order to be able to live life as an adult.

There are college applications, taking SAT's over for the last time and the preparation of a pos-

sible open house after graduation. During all of this, students realize they'll be saying "Good-bye" to high school and "Hello" to college life.

Not being able to make the grades in college and the absence of all of those years of security may be some of the fears that run

through a senior's mind.

Jennifer Rodgers, senior, said, "My worst fear is that I'll get home sick or I won't be able to make decent grades in college."

A decent pass/fail rate, popularity of the sports team or the availability of financial aid may be a student's criteria for a specific col-

lege.

"I looked into the International Business College's financial aid offerings. I also liked the idea that I can get an Associate's degree in accounting in 14 months," replied senior Jennifer Vogt.

However, Tony Starr, senior, said, "I would look for a small com-



Bryan Mears Football 1
Jesús Mendez III
Roger Mendez
Mandy Mendonza
Gesa Menensky

Angela Michael
Holly Miles

Jamie Miles Boys' State 3; FCA 2,3,4;
Jazz Band 3,4; Sym. Band 1,2,3,4;
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4
Lorie Miley Prom Comm. 3; SADD/
STOP 3; T.A. 2,3,4
Chris Miller Br. & Pal. 3,4; Sym.
Choir 2,3,4; Con. Chorus 1

Jeff Miller

Holly Miseko Cheerleader 1; Prom
Comm. 3; Prom Ct. 3; Home Ct. 3;
Basketball 1,2,3

Chad Mitchell

Jennifer Mocabay

Candice Modesto Cheerleader
1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Prom
Comm. 3; Prom Ct. 3; SADD/STOP
3,4; T.A. 2,3,4; Home Ct. 3; Basket-
ball 1; Track 1,2,3,4

Carrie Modesto

Jeff Moore

Rachel Moore

Desiree Morales Jazz band 1; Con.
Choir 1; Glee Club 3
Nichelle Morales

New Changes

munity college with ivy on the brick walls. The building also has to smell musty and the steps have to be worn in."

Familybickering, parental advice and mom telling you to have a good day at school, may be some of the things you'll miss about your family once at college.

"I'll miss the quality time our family spends together. I'll miss my brother the most because he's always there for me," said senior Tiffany Tarpley.

Erica Moats, senior, disagrees, "I want to move out of my house as soon as possible because I want to live my life, my way."

Photo-Heather Baugh

An introduction to homework-college style and responsibilities from being to class on time and getting the assignments done to attempting to be a leader among other students are concerns of seniors. Exiting high school brings up the new feelings of being on your own for the first time and paying bills that never were around. These are some of the things that go into pursuing a higher degree.



any of the seniors in Choraliers, such as Bob Kirk and Chris Miller, will miss the times shared on stage with other Choraliers. The group performed numerous concerts and contests.

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Carl Morris T.A. 3; Intramurals 2,3;
Tennis 2; Mgr. Football 4
Amy Mote
Carrie Moyer Con. Choir 1; Sym.
Choir 4; Glee Club 2,3
Rudolph Mrak
Elmore Mundell Boys' State 3; COIL
4; NHS 3,4; Lifter 3,4; Fresh. Band 1;
Sym. Choir 3,4; Solo & Ens. 1,3,4;
Baseball 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Honorary
Mem. 4

Mark Mundell
Carla Munoz
Vanessa Murrow COIL 4; NHS 3,4;
Con. Choir 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Ten-
nis 2,3,4; Volleyball 1
Bryan Myers
Kevin Napier

Jennifer Neeley Indianettes 2,3
Stacy Negron
Bridget Nelson Acad. Letter 3,4;
Pep Club 2; Con. Band 2,3; Con.
Orch. 1; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Sym.
Orch. 2,3,4; Solo & Ens. 1,2,3,4;
Sym. Band 4; Orch. Winds 2,3
Dustin Nelson
Amanda Nemeth

Christina Neyhart
Tuan Nguyen
Melissa Nicholson
Danielle Nobles Acad. Letter 3,4;
Cheerleader 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Pep Club
2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3; SADD/STOP
2; March. Band 1; Tennis 2
Debbie Noffsinger Choralers 1,2,4;
Con. Band 1; Sym. Choir 4; Glee Club
2,3



Quest For Success

... Kerry Kubeck

A youngster turns on the television and watches a Micheal Jordan commercial with delight, then the child scurries to his mother and says that he wants to be like Mike when he gets older. All his mom could do was look down and smile at her son.

Jan Klakoski said, "I consider my father as a

role model because he will listen to me when I need him to. Also, he's always given me support during swim meets."

The qualities of a role model could be self-determination, consideration or accomplishing goals to be a success. Those qualities could be the reasons a

person is influential.

For instance, Debbie Noffsinger said, "Lynn Knight influenced me because she's a hard worker, considerate and she always tries to help a student to do her best on a dance routine."

Not letting a student slack-off in class, constantly preaching to a peer to do their best and

taking time to show a student what they're doing right or wrong are a few ways to encourage learning.

"I realized in fifth grade that Thomas Jefferson, the powerful figure who helped establish the government policy of America, is my role model because his historical words influ-



Andrew Novak
Jessica Ogren T.A. 3,4; Baseball 1,2; Football 1,2; Golf 3
Katrina O'Neal
Jason Oness Jazz Band 2,3,4; Con. Band 2; March Band 1,2,3; P.O. Orch. 2,3,4; Sym. Band 3,4; Sym. Orch. 2,3,4; Solo & Ens. 2; Pep Band 1,2,3

Anthony Orsolini
Vicky Ortiz Spanish Club 2; T.A. 2,3; Con. Band 1,2; Solo & Ens. 1,2
Monica Overturf T.A. 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2; Volleyball 1,2
Jennifer Parduhn FLHS 3,4; SADD/STOP 3,4; Choraliers 3; Fresh. Band 1; March. Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Drum Major 4; Orch. Winds 3
Amy Patitsas

Angela Pavlic
Christopher Payne
Virginia Pedone News Bureau 3,4; Life Skills 1; Volleyball 1
Yvonne Pedroza French Club 3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; SADD/STOP 4; T.A. 1; Tennis 3,4; Business Club 4; Science Club 4
Leslie Pelot

Maria Lourdes R. Pena Acad. Letter 3,4; Acad. Dec. 3,4; Chinese Club 3; FLHS 3,4; Thespians 1,2,3,4
Michael Pence Jazz Band 3,4; Lifter 4; Choraliers 3; Con. Band 2,3; Con. Choir 1,2,3; Baseball 1; Football 3
Victoria Perez
Brandy Perrine
Daniele Pickering T.A. 2,3,4; Fresh. Band 1; Indianettes 1; March. Band 1

Photo-Julie Appenhagen

"I want to thank Mrs. Pavell for giving me the ability to believe in myself and not to depend on my peers as much as others do."

When a teacher, parent or friend takes the time to enhance confidence, those positive words, and the person, are never forgotten. As the child grew, he realized that great hang-time will only get a basketball player so far in life. He then decided to pursue a degree in law.



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each of the debate and mass media class, also the sponsor of the Speech Team, Mrs. Linda Hicks, takes time out to motivate her students to do the best they can.

enced me to believe in my rights and that it takes hard work to achieve major accomplishments," Becky Dettlerline said.

Contrarily, Karen Regula replied, "Mrs. Pavell, who's dedicated to her students, motivated me to succeed in the business field where I would have failed. Also, she's gotten me over one of my biggest fears, which is speaking to large groups of people."

There are many ways to express to a person that you admire their dedication to an issue, job or event; however, many don't take time out to realize how hard this teacher worked to create a stronger, more confident and intelligent person.

Klakoski added, "I would tell my dad that I'm glad he has always been there for me and given me his positive encouragement."

Also, Regula replied,

Jason Pickering
Melissa Pillock
Stephen Pollard Cross Country 3;
Track 1,2,4
Terry Polston Tennis 2,3
Christopher Press

Teresa Prime
Nicole Puckett Acad. Dec. 2; COIL 4;
Spanish Club 1; T.A. 4; German Club
1,2; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Spch. & Deb.
2,3,4
Joshua Puert JROTC Color Guard 2;
Drill Team 2,3; Phys. Fit. 2; Fresh. Band
2
Jason Quick German Club 3
Courtney Raico

Eric Rajski Baseball 1,2,3; Wrestling
1,2,3,4
Rebecca Ramirez
Karen Regula Prom Comm. 3; T.A.
3,4; Theaters 3; Business Club 4
Jason Renner
Heather Reno T.A. 3,4; Fresh. Band 1;
March. Band 1,2

Joseph Repay
Brandon Retherford Fresh. Band 1;
March. Band 1
Jaime Rhodus COIL 4; T.A. 1,3; *Saga*
2- Asst. Ed. 3; Environ. Club 4
Katherine Ring Acad. Letter 3,4; T.A.
4; Latin Club 1; Volleyball 1; Science
Club 2,3; Prayer Group 3,4
Brian Ringer Golf 1,2,3,4; Ski Club
1,2,3,4



Genders Drive the

... Brian Graves
and Kerry Kubeck

Fae putt-putts into the school parking lot and happens to notice this car zoom across the lot as if it's in the Indy 500. Two people exit the speed mobile and all of a sudden the girl squeals, "Gosh that was fast!" Fae could do nothing but roll her eyes and think... 30 mph isn't the ultimate idea of fast.

The age old question surfaces... which gender drives better? Both sides have argued valiently but neither has come out on top.

Daniele Pickering, senior, said, "I think that it's pretty even around here with the male and female drivers."

Dave Kellogg, senior, disagrees. He feels

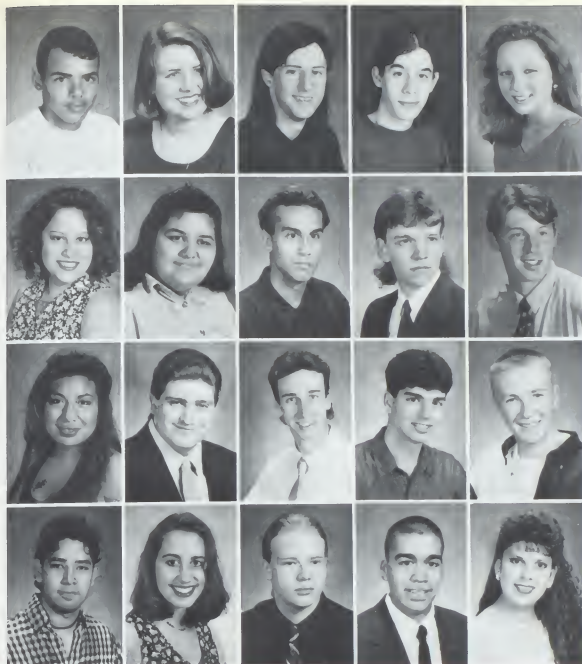
males are better because it seems that females are less responsive to outside stimuli.

A female driver of an Escort that moves 20 mph in a 35 mph zone which the late for work male gets stuck behind every morning, or the males that speed around vehicles just to beat those cars to the next

red light, are some qualities of different drivers.

Evette Sanchez, senior, said, "When I think of female drivers, I think of investigation because the girls are always looking for guys."

"Indy 500 drivers," said Mike Longworth, senior, "if you have ever driven down a highway, it's hard not to notice



Stephen Roberson
Danielle Robertson Acad. Letter 3,4;
 COIL 4; FLHS 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; T.A.
 3,4; World Affairs 3; Thespians 4;
 Basketball 1; Softball 1; Soccer 3; Vol-
 leyball 1,2; Hon. Members 1,2
David Robertson Acad. Letter 4;
 FLHS 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; T.A. 3,4
Chris Rockwell
Jennifer Rodgers Prom Comm. 3;
 T.A. 2,3,4; Business Club 4

Delores Rodriguez Cheerleader 1;
 Pep Club 1,4; SADD/STOP 4;
 Intramurals 2,3; Sym. Band 4; Solo &
 Ens. 1,2,3; Tennis 4; Class Officer 2
Gloria Rodriguez Spanish Club 1;
 T.A. 1; Business Club 1
Jaime Rodriguez
Jason Rogers
Steve Rose Baseball 1,2; Football
 1,2,3

Guadalupe Ruelas
Kenneth Runions
Stephen Rusnak
Ronald Russo
Lucas Ruyter

Mario Samaniego
Sandra Samardzija T.A. 2; Photo
 Club 3,4; Thespians 2,3,4; Orch.
 Winds 2; Medieval Club 4; Pep Band
 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 4
Lloyd Samplawski III
Adam Sanchez
Evette Sanchez Prom Comm. 3; Span-
 ish Club 1,2; T.A. 1,2,3,4; Home. Ct.
 3; Tennis 1,2,3; Swimming 3; Basket-
 ball 1

Open Road

those cars swerve in and out of traffic, who usually are men."

Everyday at PHS students race toward the two exits to leave. Most don't obey the speed limit.

"I think those students are ignorant," said Shawn Enstrom, senior. "They, mostly guys, feel the faster their cars

go that they deserve to leave first. If this keeps up, someone will get hurt.

Ray got his dream car, a Vector W-8 supercar, from his rich aunt. Later, his girlfriend asked if she could drive it. Ray replied, "Nada babe, it's like waaaaay too quick."

Kari Vrska, senior,

Photo-Heather Baugh replied, "My favorite car is a Dodge Stealth. I wouldn't let my boyfriend drive it because he wouldn't let me drive his vehicle, new or old."

This question may never be solved but it's fun to read about the many answers. This topic will likely remain a "battle of the sexes" thriller.



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ocking the car doors is a trait of both female and male drivers. Catherine Billick, senior, does that and makes sure her windows are rolled up before entering the school.

Victoria Sanchez Latin Club 4; Sym.
Orch. 2,3,4; Solo & Ens. 1,2,3,4
Jennifer Sandberg Home. CL -
Winter 3; Intramurals 2,3; Thespians
4; Peer Tutor 3
April Santos
Christopher Schaefer Acad. Letter
3; FCA 2,3,4; Class Sec. 1; Football
1,2,3,4

Wendy Schaefer Acad. Letter 3,4; NHS
3,4; SADD/STOP 3,4; Con. Band 2
March. Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3
Solo & Ens. 1,2

Daniel Scholebo
Robert Scholebo
Chris Scholz
Kristin Schumacher
Kevin Scott

Bruce Selvaage
Timothy Senovic
Victoria Shadley
Jennifer Shadrix T.A. 1,3,4; *Saga* 3,4
Shital Sheth FLHS 2,3,4; NHS 3,4;
SADD/STOP 1,2; T.A. 2,3,4; Tennis
1,2,3,4

Elizabeth Shurman Acad. Letter 3,4;
FLHS 2,3; NHS 3,4; Prom Comm. 3;
SADD/STOP 3,4; Con. Band 1,2,3;
Thespians 2,3,4; March. Band 1,2,3,4;
Pep Band 1,2
Tami Sickles
Veronica Sinclair
Kelly Sisco Jazz Band 2; Con. Band 2;
Fresh. Band 1; Pep Band 2
Amanda Smith

Emily Smith T.A. 4; Con. Choir 1;
Sym. Choir 2,3,4; Prayer Group 3
John Smith Acad. Letter 3,4; COIL 4;
FCA 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4-VP; T.A. 3,4;
French Club 2,3; Business Club 4; Stu-
dent Council; Vice-President 4; Secre-
tary 4; Mgr. Girls' Tennis 1,2,3,4; Stat.
Girls' Basketball 1,2,3,4; Capt. Boys'
Tennis 3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4
Megan Smith FLHS 3; T.A. 4;
Chordians 3; Con. Band 2,3; Con. Choir
1; Thespians 4; Orch. Winds 3; March.
Band 1,2; Sym. Band 4; Glee Club 2;
Pep Band 1,2
Rae Flynn Smith
Sylvia Smith *Saga* 3



Thinking of Unique

... Kerry Kubeck

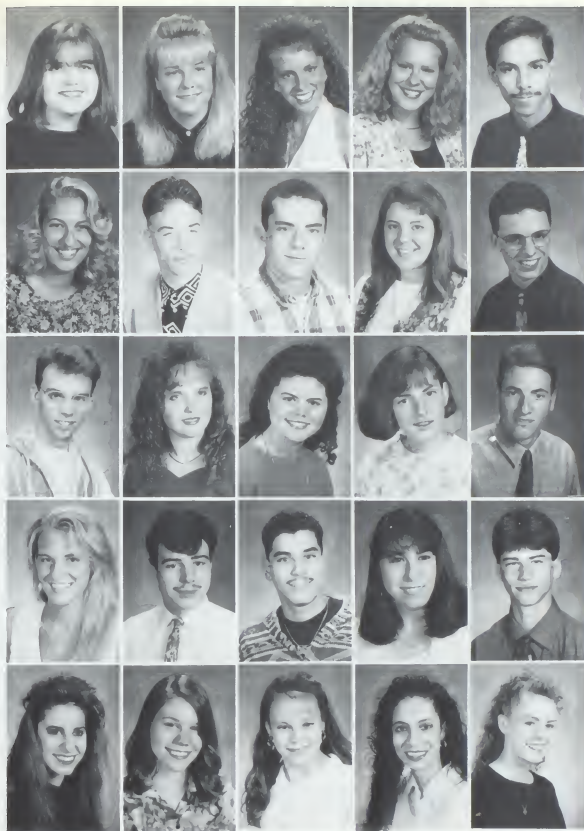
Most students dream of visiting places. The unique scenery of Ireland, the Eiffel Tower in France or Mt. Hood in Oregon, are places

around the world that many students would like to travel to. Although PHS has never sponsored a class trip, seniors can still dream.

Stacey Kral, senior, replied, "I would like to take a trip to Europe. A tour of Europe would be an interesting event because students would

be able to see many different cultures."

Also, senior Michael Villanueva, said, "I'd enjoy visiting Florida again because I think the



Crystal Snellgrove COIL 4; Pow Wow 2,3,4; T.A. 2,3; Fresh Band 1
Kelly Snitchler T.A. 1,2,3; Softball 1
Stephanie Snoder
Amanda Soltis T.A. 3,4; Business Club 4
Rolando Soto III

Melissa Spurlock
Scott Stafford
Dan Stamper Football 1,2,3; Track 2,3,4
Mandy Stanko
Charles Stanley

Anthony Starr SADD/STOP 4
Jill Stevenson Pow Wow 4; Intramurals 3; Peer Tutor 3,4
Rebecca Stilwell
Carrie Stout Acad. Letter 3,4; NHS 3,4; Fresh Band 1; Basketball 1; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4
Erich Strausbaugh Baseball 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4

Lesia Strausbaugh Prom Comm. 3; T.A. 1,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4
Allen Stultz
Ismael Sullivan
Leslie Sullivan
John Szabo Jazz Band 3,4; Con. Band 2,3; Fresh. Band 1; Baseball 1; Pep Band 1; Tennis 3; Track 2; Sym. Band 4

Holly Szmuto T.A. 3,4; Life Skills 1
Nichole Szmuto
Tracy Szostek Acad. Letter 4; COIL 4; FCA 4; Intramurals 4; Basketball 4; Track 3,4; Volleyball 1
Melissa Tarin Spanish Club 1
Tiffany Tarpley Spanish Club 1; SADD/STOP 3,4; T.A. 2,3,4; Pep Band 3,4; Science Club 3,4

Lands

girls down there are babes!"

Cameras and film, a camcorder, journal, clothes, a passport, some American games or an-

other friend could be some items a student would take on a trip.

Danielle Glenn, senior, explained that she'd take her best friend

Photo-Julie Appenhagen

because she can't go anywhere without her, and her license to prove that she's 18 years old.

When air fare rates are decent, these students and others may get their chance to visit the land of their dreams.



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portunities to travel to another country is a chance of a lifetime for some. Tony Starr, senior, shows his classmates where he'd like to go someday, when money is available.

Kevin Tavernier Football 1,2,3
Kristin Terwilliger Prom Comm. 3;
 SADD/STOP 2; T.A. 2,3,4; Tennis
 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1;
 Class Rep. 1
Amie Thacker Pow Wow 2; Photo
 Club 3; Con. Choir 1; Solo & Ens.
 1,2,3,4; *Saga* 3,4; Glee Club 2,3,4
Ronald Thompson Football 1,2
Thomas Thompson



Kenneth Timmons
Paula Turunen
Lee Towery Prom Comm. 3; T.A.
 3,4; Latin Club 1; Intramurals 3; Golf
 2,3; Track 2,3,4; Class Rep. 2; Honry
 Mem. 1
Melissa Trader Photo Club 4; Photo
 Staff 3,4
Erin Trathen Pep Club 2,3,4; Pom
 Pons 3,4; Prom Comm. 3; SADD/
 STOP 2; Basketball 1; Softball 1



Randal Trent
Helen Troup
Amy Tucker JROTC Color Guard
 3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Phys. Fit.
 2,3,4; Rifle Team 2,3,4; Sym. Orch.
 1,2,3,4
Kresha Utley
Deann Uzelac Cheerleader 1; Pep
 Club 1; T.A. 1,2,3



David Van Wieren
Melaina Veiner Con. Choir 1,2;
 Indianettes 3; Business Club 4; Sym.
 Choir 3; Solo & Ens. 1,2,3; Glee Club
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Melissa Villanueva Cheerleader 1;
 Pep Club 1,3; Pom Pons 3; Prom
 Comm. 3; Spanish Club 1,2; SADD/
 STOP 2; Thespians 3,4; Stat.
 Volleyball 3
Michael Villanueva
Jennifer Vogt



Jennifer Volk Photo Club 3,4; Pow
 Wow 4; SADD/STOP 3,4; Photo
 Staff 4; Choralists 3,4
Jami Vukovich Life Skills 4; *Saga* 3
Deborah Warren Swimming 1,2,3,4
 Capt; T.A. 3,4; Tennis 1,2
Travis Warren Football 1,2
Michael Washburn Photo Club 4;
 Photo Staff 2,3,4; Draw 3,4



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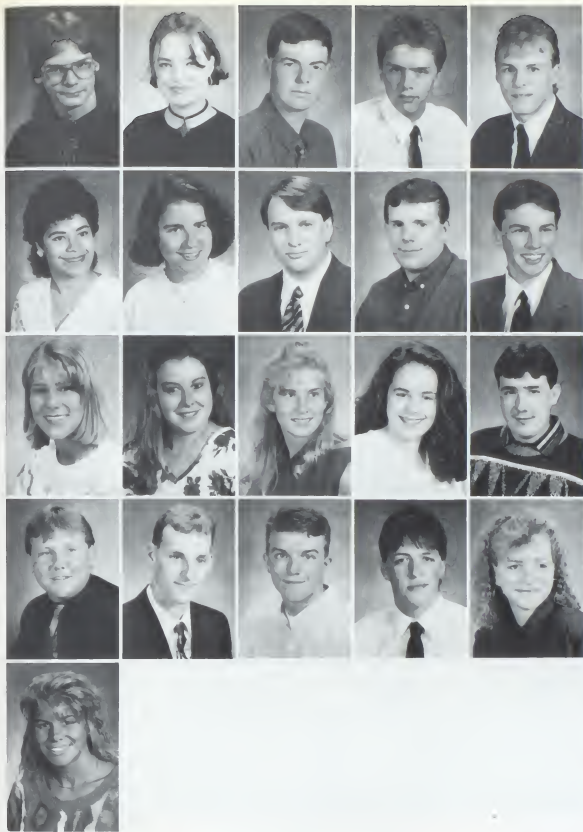
... Kelly Crowe

What makes Portage High School different from other high schools? Besides being one of the largest schools in In-

diana, students are more than just individual social groups, they're a family. "Most of the teachers

care about what is going on and the way this school sets you up for the world is what makes this places special," se-

nior Rebecca Stillwell said. Teachers are also making the difference. Our teachers set high



Gregory Wasieleski Medieval Club 3
Christa Wasilewski Br. & Pal. 3; Photo Club 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 1; Draw Club 3,4
Nathan Watson T.A. 4; Intramurals 1,3; Golf 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2
Patrick Watson
Daniel Weeks

Jennifer Weiss
Dana Wellman Acad. Letter 3,4; COIL 4; NHS 3,4; Prom Comm. 3; SADD/STOP 2,3,4; T.A. 3,4; Girls' State 3; Thespians 3,4; Spch. & Deb. 2; March Band 1,2,3,4; Orch. Winds 2,3,4; Tennis 1,2; Class Rep. 3
Eric Wennerstrom Acad. Letter 4; NHS 4; T.A. 3,4; Thespians 3,4; Stage Mgr. 3,4
Timothy Westbury
Jack Westforth Acad. Letter 3,4

Jennifer Weyer
Leah Whitten SADD/STOP 4; T.A. 3; Honry. Mem. 4
Tricia Whitten Acad. Letter 4; NHS 4; T.A. 4; Latin Club 1,2,3,4-VP; Indians 1; Spell Bowl 4
Christine Williams
Michael Wilson

Robert Wineland
Erik Wiseman FCA 1,2; Prom Ct. 3; T.A. 2; Home Ct.-Winter 3; Baseball 1; Basketball 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Unified Basketball 3,4
Dennis Yon
John Yuhasz
Jennifer Zehner T.A. 3; Drill Team 1,2,3; Ski Club 2

Jill Ziemer

standards for their students and they are very proud of their school.

Photography teacher Mr. Richard Shearer said, "I have never seen a more organized bunch of kids that care about what's going on."

There are many new things going on at PHS, such as, the no hats rule, where students must leave their hats to out side use only. Other changes the school has made is for the first time in 15 years is that the

Photo-Julie Appelhagen building is smoke free.

There are many reasons why PHS is so unique but the main reason is what PHS has already contributed throughout the years to the students and teachers.



any things about PHS have a special individuality such as the students and the faculty. Also, our mascot, the Indian, is outside in front of this school.

Arthur Ables
Cal Ackerman
Kevin Adams
Joseph Adamski
Jim Adamson
Araceli Addison
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Dawn Alaniz

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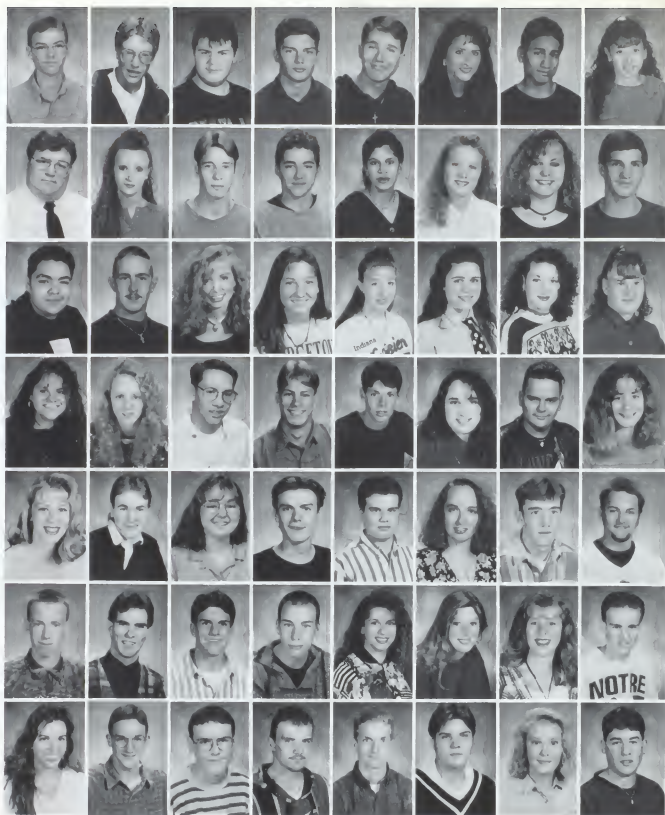
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Cliff Barnett
Janet Barron
Erik Barthel
Jennifer Bauer

Amy Baum
Rob Bayle
Angela Beason
Aaron Beaudreau
Steve Beiswanger
Katherine Belcher
Adam Bell
Ben Benefiel

Jason Benkovich
Shawn Benson
John Berry
Charles Bigheart
Holly Binder
Jill Biodrowski
Tessa Black
Kelly Bogan

Lori Bonez
Jason Bonner
Jason Bono
Scott Booth
Jason Bovenkerk
Josh Boyd
Nancy Brabbs
Robert Bradford



...Amanda Falck

Anticipation of senior year events

Senior year is approaching fast for juniors. There is a lot to get done, like thinking about college or life without college.

Most juniors are looking forward to their se-

nior year.

"I am looking forward to making my senior year the best of my high school career, with senior prom and graduation being a definite highlight," junior

Josie Werhowatz said.

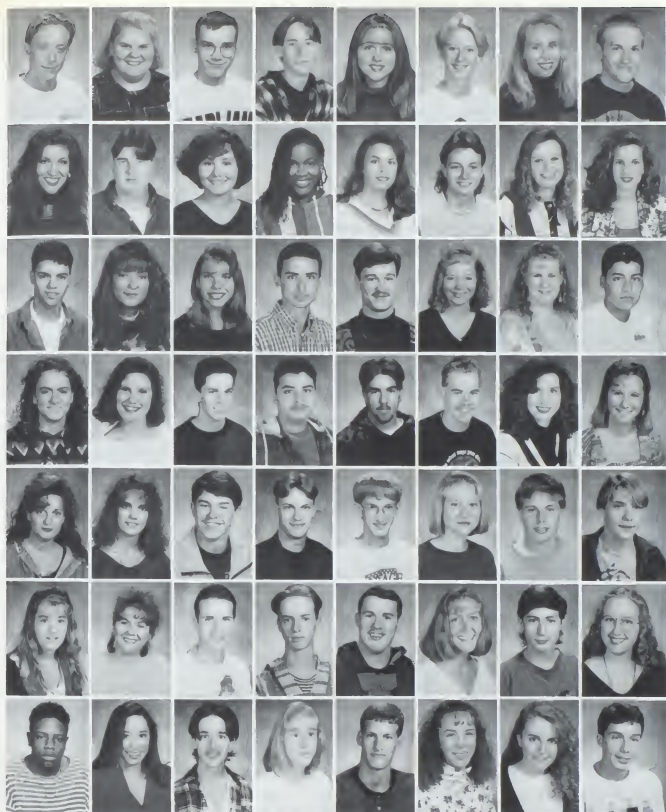
"I'm looking forward to having seniority over all the underclassmen, also to senior prom and graduation," junior Kerry Daley said.

Senior year isn't just

a year of fun and games. Students need to start planning ahead for the future.

"You need to start thinking ahead now so you have a chance to do good in your future," junior Angela Meadows said.

"It's not too early to



Adam Branham
 Carla Brickley
 Bill Brown
 Matt Brown
 Nicole Brutoat
 Stephanie Brazuk
 Michelle Bugarin
 David Bullington
 Dawn Bunker
 Jim Cable
 Michelle Cain
 Marisa Calvert
 Kristine Campbell
 Stephanie Canfield
 Heather Carlson
 Lesley Cash
 Alfredo Castro
 Liana Caudillo
 Jeanette Chaddock
 Paul Chandler Jr.
 Jason Chapman
 Kimberly Chapman
 Melissa Chavez
 Raymond Chavez
 Tai Cherne
 Amanda Childers
 Jason Chirila
 Joseph Chitwood
 Michael Cirak
 Kevin Clay
 Julie Cline
 Jessica Cloyd
 Vicki Coello
 Nichole Collins
 Richard Collins
 Chris Connelly
 Jeremy Conner
 Shannon Conner
 Sean Connors
 Erin Cook
 Sarah Cool
 Kami Cooper
 Bill Covelli
 Brian Cox
 Jason Cox
 Anne Crockett
 David Crook
 Kate Crum
 Mike Crumpton
 Ann Marie Cruz
 Albert Cuellar
 Suzanne Cullig
 Matt Cullen
 Kristen Cunningham
 Nedine Cunningham
 Ryan Curran

start thinking of your future. I already know what I want to do with my life," junior Jamie Jablonski said.

Through all the excitement and fun associated with senior year it all comes down to graduation.

"I'll be saddened

when senior year is over because I'll miss all my friends," Josie said. "yet I'll be excited to move on to another part of my life facing college."

"I think I'll be excited and happy that I am finally done with school but when it comes closer to graduation I know I

photo- Mike Washburn will be sad that I am leaving," junior Erica Kapika said.

The anticipation of senior year helps keep senior year in perspective. It's what everyone looks forward to the seniority, prom and graduation.



valuating the SAT booklet, junior Jamie Jablonski sits at her desk preparing for the test. The new version of the test was given on Jan 22.

Cindy Cubbison
Kristen Cunningham
Dave Czupla
Kevin Daghy
Monica Daich
Kerry Dailey
Chris Damjanoski
Roger Darnell

Mike Davenport
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Clay Davis
Paul Davis
Mike DeLeon
Laura Denmon
Jamie Denny
Jennifer DePaula

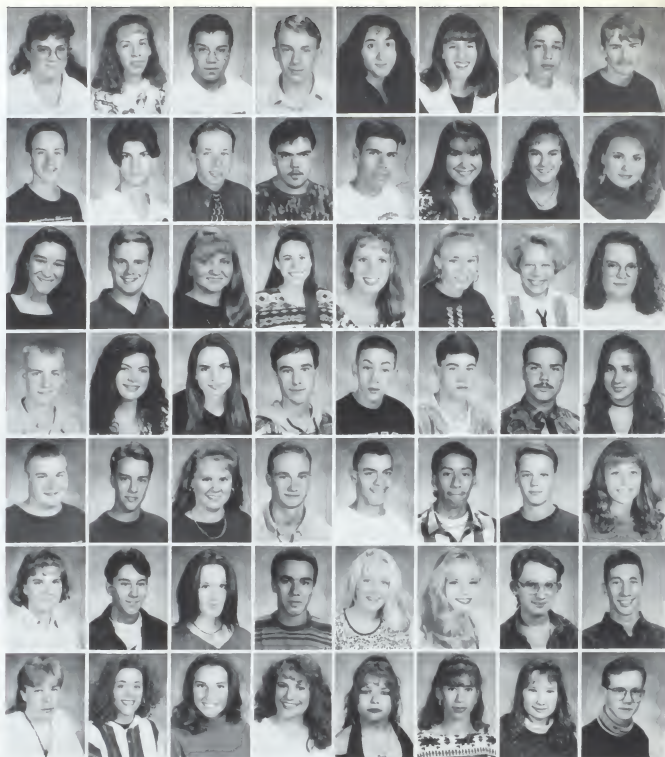
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Jennifer Dominion

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Charles Dudley
Dan Dudley
Jason Dudley
Dennis Duncan
Jill Durham

Chris During
Beriah Dutcher
Michele Easton
Steven Elliott
Eduardo Escalante
Frank Essig
Shane Evans
Lisa Fain

Amanda Falck
Matthew Farney
Tawny Fengya
Leo Ferreira
Dawn Essler
Tonya Fetrow
Sam Field
Brent Fielder

Koja Fillwork
Heather Finnerty
Dana Floyd
Jennifer Fonner
Yanira Fontanez
Holly Foreman
Virginia Foster
Richard Fowble



... Valarie Kowal

unions Prepare For The Big Test

ISTEP is a thing of the past. Now students are facing the new challenge of the SAT and the ACT.

These are the tests that are required for enrollment in colleges. They are about as stress free as filling out the applications for colleges and

waiting for a letter of acceptance.

Students start to prepare for the tests from taking a variety of advanced classes in school to attending SAT & ACT prep classes. The classes help students decide which answer to pick when a dilemma ap-

proaches.

"I heard about classes to help you do better on the tests and I thought about looking into one but I heard that there is nothing you can do to prepare for the SAT," junior Cari Taylor said.

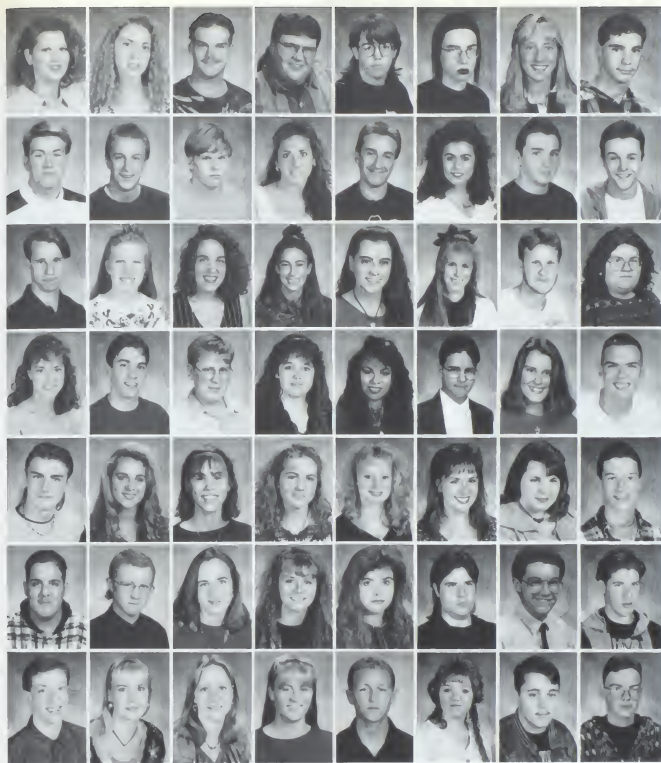
PHS offers a few tests for juniors to take to get

a taste of what the real tests are like.

"I took the PSAT to hopefully prepare me for the SAT. I'll just have to wait and find out if it (the PSAT) helps," said junior Melissa Szabo.

"I took the PSAT last year, but I'm going to take the SAT in December," said junior Kim Pieper.

I took the PLAN last



Joy Franczek
Dana Franklin
Dave Fravel
John Frazier
Gary Frazo
Anthony Freeman
Emily Frechette
Terry Freestone

Chris Fruewrth
Brian Fugate
Richard Furnish
Heather Gaines
Jeremy Gannon
Christina Garcia
John Gardner
Bradley Gary

David Geiselman
Kristen Gerbick
Juliana Giancola
Amanda Gibson
Theresa Gibson
Angela Giesler
Cyrus Gilbert
Kristen Gillis

Lesley Glans
Matt Godsey
Timothy Golec
Elisa Gonzales
Jesus Gonzalez
Maribel Gonzalez
Brandy Graham
Ron Graham

Tim Graham
Patti Grasham
Angel Gray
Kim Gregor
Becky Gregorash
Tammy Griffey
Stephanie Griffith
Mark Gruchalski

Tony Gutierrez
Craig Hamersley
Erin Hamilton
Jamie Hamilton
Tawnya Hamilton
Jim Hampton
David Hancock
Nigel Haney

Eric Hart
Star Hart
Melissa Hasty
Katie Hatala
Geoff Hatfield
Cathy Haylin
Richard Hawkins
Ken Heath

year," junior Tanya Jarvis said.

Students enroll in many different classes to prepare themselves for upcoming tests. Honors classes and Words, Words, Words proved to be two popular classes to take to help students prepare for these tests. Most took advanced classes for the challenge.

"I am taking honors English and Biology II and Math IV, I hope my math class helps me with the math section on the SAT," said Kim.

"I'm taking Words, Words, Words to help me with the vocabulary section to help me break words apart. I plan to study more this year," said Teresa Wilkins.

"I study more and I

photo- Mike Washburn have taken more challenging classes that will hopefully get me ready for whenever I take the SAT or the ACT," said Melissa.

There are many available options for students to actually prepare to take the test more a student can find to help them prepare for when the time comes.



any students like senior Holli Miles plan on taking the SAT in the near future. Portage High School offers many classes to help students prepare for the SAT. Holli takes Calculus to help her prepare for the tests.

Craig Heldt
Bunny Henk
Kristi Henning
Tobi Hensley
Melinda Hercules
Michael Hershman
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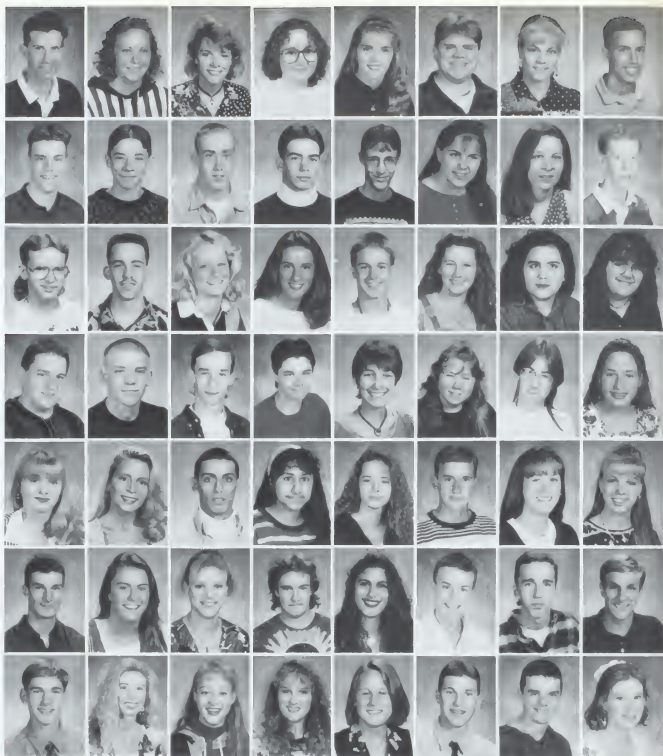
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Jason Jones
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Ed Isbell
Jamie Jablonski
Tammy Jacobs
Steven Jaeger
Yvonne Jaime

Amy James
Tonia Jarvis
Mike Jaso
Rabia Javed
Shawna Jenkins
Arlis Johnson
Elizabeth Johnson
Janet Johnson

Daymon Johnston
Kystal Johnston
Julie Jones
Roger Jones
Kathy Joseph
Jeremy Juscak
Christopher Kalch
Tom Kaminski

Alan Kane
Erika Kapica
Jill Karner
Karl Kaszniak
Jaime Kawiecki
Justin Kay
Ryan Keen
Meghan Kelly



unions Prepare For The Big Test

Throughout the school year, most high school students feel the pressure to do well in school and achieve good grades. There is so much emphasis on receiving good grades that students become stressed out about making the grade. There are a lot of causes that cause the pressure to fall upon the students.

"I feel pressure to get good

grades. I also feel if I don't get good grades then the colleges I'd like to attend may not accept me without good grades," said junior Connie Dicken.

Junior Jan Barron said, "I feel a lot of pressures from my hard classes especially from Chemistry."

"The most pressure I feel is worrying about my grades

at the end of every grading period," junior Mike Rogers said.

Nicole Szmuto, junior, agrees, "My parents are a big part of the pressure. I may try hard to get good grades, but if I don't, I'll get grounded."

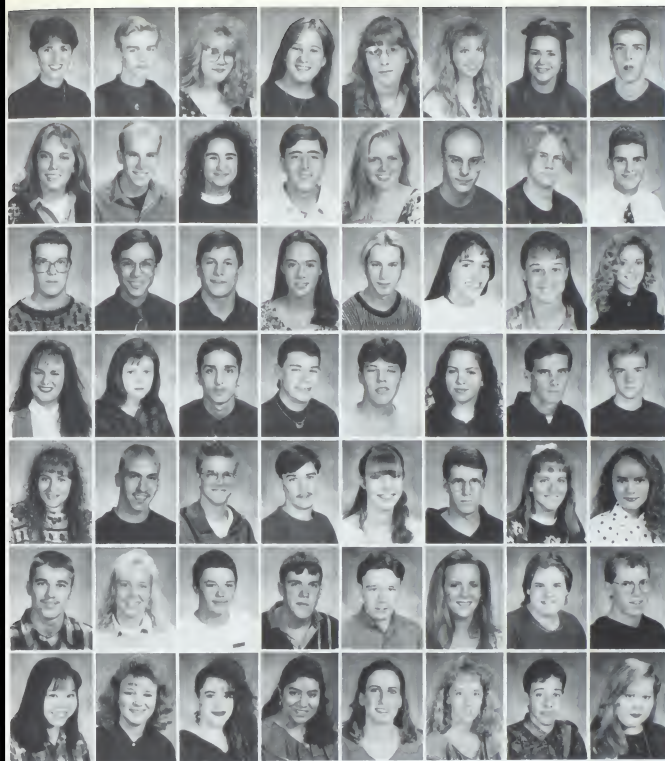
Besides feeling pressure from parents, students also pressure themselves to good good in school.

"Most of the pressure I feel comes from myself. I want to do the best of my ability so I can learn new things. I feel better knowing I'm trying to improve myself so I'll be able to become a better person and reach my long term goals," said junior Jamie Jablonski.

Mike also added that he gets a lot of pressure from his parents about grades, whether it's with a lecture from his parents or getting grounded for the rest of the semester.



... Josie Werhowtz



Trisha Kennedy
Kevin Kerr
Carey King
Jody Kingery
Tara Kirgan
Lisa Kirinich
Amy Kish
Andy Kish

Kara Kitchel
Zachary Kleckner
Brandy Klinzmann
Bill Knapp
Kelly Knapp
Joel Knapp
Mathew Knoila
Jason Kolczak

Tim Kopec
Chris Kosovich
Joe Kovats
Beth Kozrowski
James Krok
Barbara Laczi
Jill Ladra
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Kyla Landrum
Mary Landford
Todd Lara
Steve Larson
David Lash
Amy Lattanzi
Jeff Lay
Mike Lee

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Jacob Lemley
John Lemmon
Jeannie Lerch
William Lerose
Jenny Lesko
Carrie Lethco

Steve Letic
Victoria Levan
Jason Levenson
Jason Lewandowski
Garry Lewis
Denise Lilly
Edward Lipinski
Mike Little

Stephanie Lo
Laura Long
Arlene Lopez
Jeanna Lopez
Christie Lovings
Kim Lowell
Dan Luedtke
Eric Lund

photo- Mike Washburn

bright and they just don't take the time to apply themselves. Grades don't really matter as long as you learn."

To avoid the pressure of getting good grades, many students agreed that applying yourself is the key. Students should concentrate on learning what they can and then their grades will take credit for their hard work. In the long run all the hard work will show in those hard earned paychecks.

then you can do well on your homework and tests," said junior Aaron Reynolds.

There is always so much hype surrounding grades. Some students feel that grades are over rated.

Mike also stated that he works 5 days a week, along with 6 hour days slopping tacos together.

Junior Joe Adamski said, "Grades don't prove what you know, they just reflect how you do on homework and tests. Some people are very



Junior Chris Swanson receives all of his grades from his counselor Ms. Pamela Downard. This type of printout will show Chris exactly what classes he has passed and received a credit for.

Robynne Lute
 Dell Lyon
 Jim Mack
 Gesa Maerensky
 Melissa Mahoney
 Justin Malangoni
 Matt Malaski
 Jill Malcom
 Dan Mann
 Anne Manske
 Hannah Marcinkovich
 Stephanie Markos
 Alma Marlin
 Ken Marquardt
 Charity Marsh
 Emily Martin
 Christine Martinez
 Louis Martinez
 John Matney
 Paul Matthew
 Jason Mauck
 Virginia Mayernik
 Cory McCammon
 Marcie McClelland
 Kelly McCorkle
 Josh McCormack
 Sarah McEwan
 Trenda McGlothlin
 Adam McGriffen
 Monica McIntire
 Lisa McKay
 Donovan McKiddy
 Ciaran McLaughlin
 Angela Meadows
 Delora Medina
 Jessica Meier
 Christy Menendez
 Kathy Metavakis
 Chris Meyer
 Amy Michael



Putting it off until the very last minute

Procrastination did not seem to be a major problem at Portage High School this year. For many students, putting things off until the last minute came quite easily.

Junior Emily Frechette thinks her life would be less stressful if she did not procrastinate.

"I had a paper for Biology due for four weeks and I ended up typing it the night before. I was about ready to explode."

Junior Ryan Gadowski procrastinates all the time. "Most recently I put off an English paper for three weeks."

Gadowski also wishes he didn't procrastinate as much as he usually does. "I'd be

under a lot less stress if I did stuff on time."

Junior Mike Cirak procrastinates so he does not have to think about it so much. "For my speech class I had about two weeks to get ready for a speech and I ended up making it up as I went along."

Junior Carrie Taylor only procrastinates for big assignments. "I had four months to write a paper for Mr. Douglas and finished it the very morning it was due."

Junior Jayson Vespo procrastinated to catch up with what he already put off.

"When I procrastinate, it's usually putting stuff off to do what was due the day be-

fore for my Douglas paper. I started it three weeks before it was due but I knew about it at the beginning of the course."

Junior Jason Imes also procrastinates a lot. "I procrastinate on big homework assignments or major reports. Sometimes I don't feel like doing them, so I don't. I just wait until the last minute and then turn it in. I do better under pressure."

Some students find it difficult to procrastinate and start projects when they are assigned.

Junior Jill Hudson doesn't procrastinate very much on her assignments. "If something is assigned and I have

two weeks to do it, I usually start on it two or three days after it is assigned."

Junior Nancy Brabbs said that she also doesn't have a real big problem with procrastination either on things either. "The only thing I really procrastinate in is Words, Words, Words mostly because I don't like to do it. But keeping up isn't usually a problem for me. I just do it and then go to class and turn it in."

Procrastination is alive and flourishing at Portage High School. When an assignment can be put off until tomorrow one can be assured that they can be put off until the day after.

... Dan Weeks



Cindy Miller
Dawn Miller
Sandy Mills
Brian Minick
Mandy Miotke
Carrie Mitchell
David Mitchell
Sarah Mitchell

Tom Mitchell
Matt Mongoven
Joseph Monti
Tracy Moody
Brandy Moorer
Marco Morales
Robert Morales
Larry Moreau

Larry Morrow
Chris Muscley
Seth Mutherin
Aaron Munoz
Mike Murray
Robert Myers
Karl Nagy
Richard Nagy

Julius Najzer
Jamie Napier
David Nelson
Joshua Nelson
Darcie Newberry
Sarah Newhall
David Newton
Michael Nichols

Roy Nicholson
Jennifer Nolan
Jeremy Norman
Ralph Nurse
Kim Nusbaum
Ryan Nystrom
Curtis Oakley
Radmila O'Bradovic



V

Varsity Boy's Basketball team member Junior Erik Taylor dribbles down the court full speed ahead. Taylor was one of the few juniors on the varsity team.



V

Varsity cheerleaders, juniors Jill Hudson, Trina Schafer and Brandy Graham, cheer on the basketball team during half time.



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Crowned Winter Homecoming Prince and Princess, juniors Jason Dudley and Dawn Foster stop for a minute to take a picture.

Emiliano Ochoa
Michelle Olivencia
Annette Orr
David Ortiz
Dennis Ostilo
Jasen Paceley
William Pagan
Casey Palichuk

Susan Parrott
Mary Ellen Passarelli
Tori Pastoriza
Bryan Patterson
Doug Pauley
Josh Peck
Roger Peele
Stephanie Pelot

Matt Peppoff
Herman Perez
Jayme Perez
Marlen Perez
Rachael Persuhn
Cindy Peters
Daniel Piddington
Kim Pieper

David Platt
Doug Plinovich
James Poe
Kellie Poe
Charles Polarek
Elizabeth Popa
Stefanie Portolos
Andre Postelmans

Chris Powell
Kristy Praszchak
Heather Price
Monica Price
Jessica Provins
Crystal Pruitt
Alex Puckett
Clinton Pullen

Michael Rake
Amy Ramian
Talia Ramsey
Jerome Ratcliff
Sandra Rattray
Michael Razus
Ryan Reagar
Daniel Ream

Elizabeth Reberg
Jennifer Recktenwall
Ronald Reed
Edward Reibly
Sabrina Reid
Scott Reinhart
Jessica Reyes
Joseph Reynolds



...Kelly Crowe

Prom takes a lot of extra money and time

On May 6, 1994, juniors had the opportunity to go to their first prom. For some students, prom is just another dance the school puts on to get people to spend money.

"I'm not going because it's just another dance to me, and it's extremely over rated," junior Jennifer Lunn said.

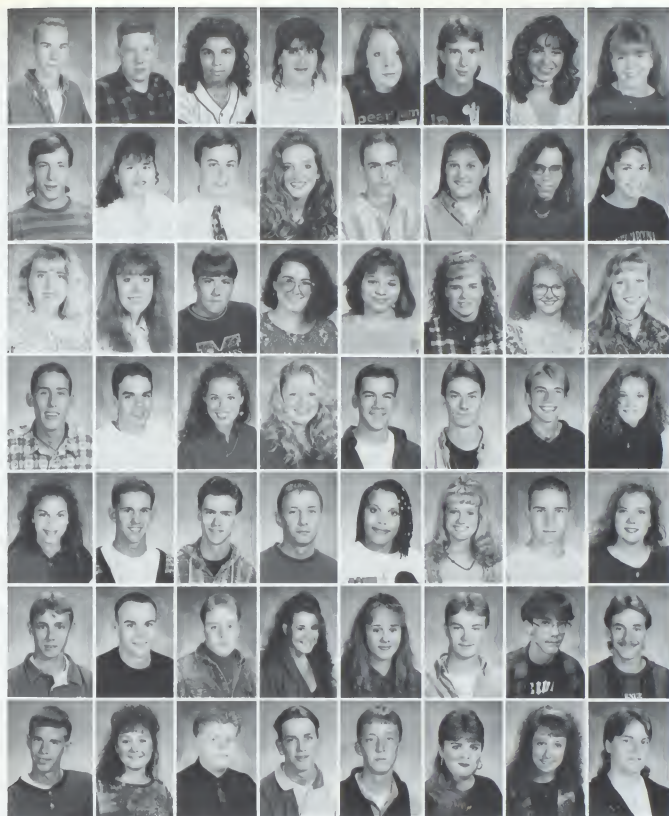
For others, prom means spending time with friends

and significant others on a romantic night.

"I'd rather go with a girlfriend than just a friend because prom is a special occasion," junior Dustin Sandoval

added.

Yet for others, prom may just mean getting out of the house and trying to impress a date with fancy clothes, flowers and an expensive dinner.



Aaron Rhame
Darren Richeson
Cassie Richeson
Margaret Richeson
Christie Kisk
Ryan Ritter
Michelle Rivera
Kim Robertson

Michael Rodlich
Ramonita Rodriguez
Brian Rogers
Jaime Rogers
Michael Rogers
Tara Rookie
Tamera Ross
Teresa Rossman

Heather Rothschild
Heather Rowe
Marc Rubens
Tina Kuch
Farrah Kummel
Jodi Russell
Jessica Sallee
Alynn Sanders

Dustin Sandoval
Mike Sandoval
Katrina Schaeffer
Tara Scheeringa
Kurt Scheller
Jon Schiller
Danny Schultz
Maegan Sedan

Christina Shaw
Kevin Shaw
Dan Shirley
Stephen Shultz
Melisa Sibley
Amy Silverthorn
Russell Simola
Carrie Sipich

Brad Skafish
Dave Skolak
Joshua Slatton
Christina Smith
Christine Smith
Galen Smith
Greg Smith
Justin A. Smith

Justin F. Smith
Kelly Smith
Ken Smith
Paul Smith
Dan Snow
Jennifer Snuffer
Maureen Sprout
Sherri Stamper

As many students as there are going to prom, so are there many expectations of the perfect prom.

"The perfect prom in my eyes would be a candle light dinner on Gondola overlooking a beautiful sunset, then a horse and buggy carriage ride that would take us to prom, then a limousine back to the

Raddison Hotel and have a huge party," junior Mark Gruchalski said.

"After prom it's a tradition to go get up early and go to Great America with your date and also with your friends," junior Steve Larson said.

Other places, dates go after prom are out to eat, to

Photo by: Sarah McEwan
Turkey Run, dance clubs in Chicago, visiting museums in different cities, going to the beach and numerous other places.

Juniors look forward to attending their first prom, often planning months in advance for that special night.



Prom goer junior Amy Pierce shops around for her dream dress. Many students go to His and Hers Bridal World for the latest in modern prom fashions. Students shop bridal stores and department stores when looking for that special outfit.

Christin Stanley
Richard Stanley
Becky Startup
Nicole Stout
Leonard Stringer
Melissa Streight
Walter Stull
Michele Sudduth

Linda Sullivan
Laura Summers
Tosha Sutherland
Wayne Svantner
Michelle Swanson
Sean Sweeney
Tricia Swindle
Melissa Szabo

Nicole Szmutko
John Szymanski
Jessica Taiclet
Paul Targgart
Alisa Tarry
Carl Taylor
Erik Taylor
Kristin Taylor

Monica Teso
Michael Thompson
Sherry Thompson
Brian Thorn
Bryan Tidwell
Laura Tigwe
Virginia Tillman
Christina Timm

Chris Torres
Jeremy Torres
Theresa Torres
Joey Trathen
Angelica Trinidad
Chris Truman
Ralph Tschida
Chet Turner

Daniel Turpin
Ryan Tuthill
James Valpatic
Vanessa Vargas
Jennifer Vasquez
Amber Vaudt
Todd Veden
Diana Vega

Cara Velez
Karen Vella
Jim Vernon
Jayson Vespo
Jennifer Via
Jill Via
Jason Vincent
Sarah Wadle

Shelley Walker
Alanna Wallace
Courtney Warren
Terry Wasieleski
Damon Wasilewski
Tarah Waters
Heather Vaughn
Martin Webb

Christian Wedding
Laura Weeks
John Wekluk
Josie Werhowsatz
Amanda West
Heather Westerkamp
David Whisler
Jaime Whited





Renee Whiteman
William Whiteside
Christina Wilder
Sharon Wilfong
Teresa Wilkins
Heather Williams
Mark Williams
Nanci Williams

Jennifer Wilson
Stephanie Wilson
Kari Wiseman
Jennifer Wisniewski
Charles Wisniller
Carlyle Withrell
Melinda Witt
Tina Wittorp

Jeremy Woodall
Roger Worak
Casey Wright
Jessica Wright
Joe Wyatt
Joshua Young
Christopher Zaragoza
Christopher Zarakas

Stephanie Zills
Josh Zimmer



Students work after school for extra change

Many high school students work for many different reasons.

Junior Tessa Black, who works at the Patheon Restaurant, said, "I started working there because I like being able to actually communicate with the customer."

Most other working students said they worked in order to have a little extra pocket money.

Junior Ginny Foster said, "I work because I like having my own money and to be able to buy my own things."

Students work at a variety of places inside and outside of Portage. Some students work with fast food, some may work in clothing stores, and for many students this year they got jobs at the new Super K-Mart on Route 6.

Burger King employee, junior Michelle Bugarin said, "I do anything from working in the dining room to work-

Photo by: Sarah McEwan
ing on the drive-thru window."

"I like having to actually work for my money instead of getting a set hourly wage," Black added.

Most students work three to four days during the school week, some students find that very hard. Keeping up good grades can be a real challenge, too!

Black also added, "I also find it very hard and very stressful at times to have a full school schedule and also work but it's manageable."

"I find it very hard to work and go to school, but I've learned to manage my time a lot better," Bugarin added.

Most students are not working at a place that they want to work forever, but any job experience will help in their future. Their first job experience may also be a fond memory.



Waiting for a potential customer, senior Dave Henderson spends his lunch hour working at the credit union. Portage's Credit Union is one of the few in the nation run by students and for students.

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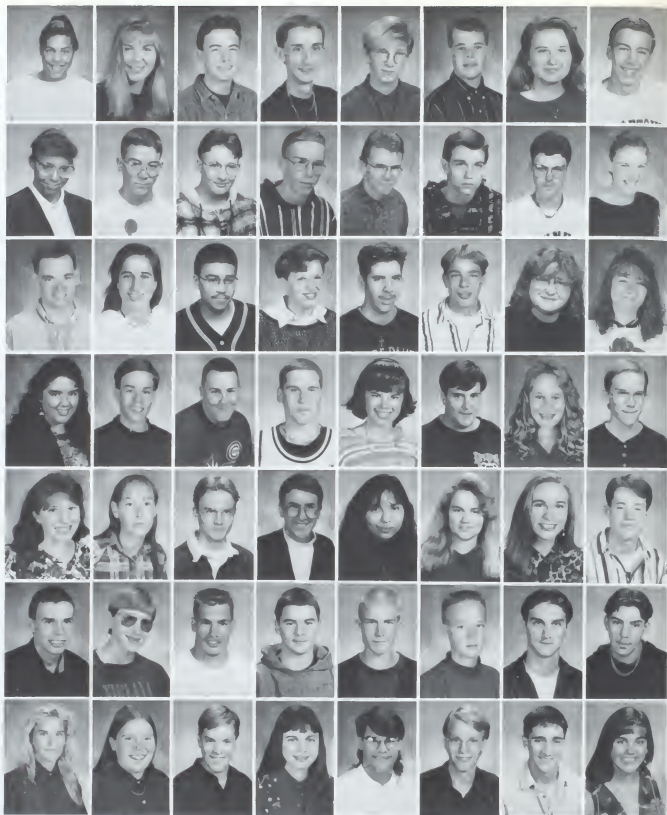
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-Maribel Gonzalez

sophomores versus upperclassmen

Typically many sophomores say that upperclassmen boss or push them around. However, many sophomores come back as juniors and many treat the incoming sophomores just as they

had been treated.

Sophomore Andrea Batista said, "You look up to some of them, some of them understand because they were sophomores too, but some upperclassmen act

bossy and intimidating."

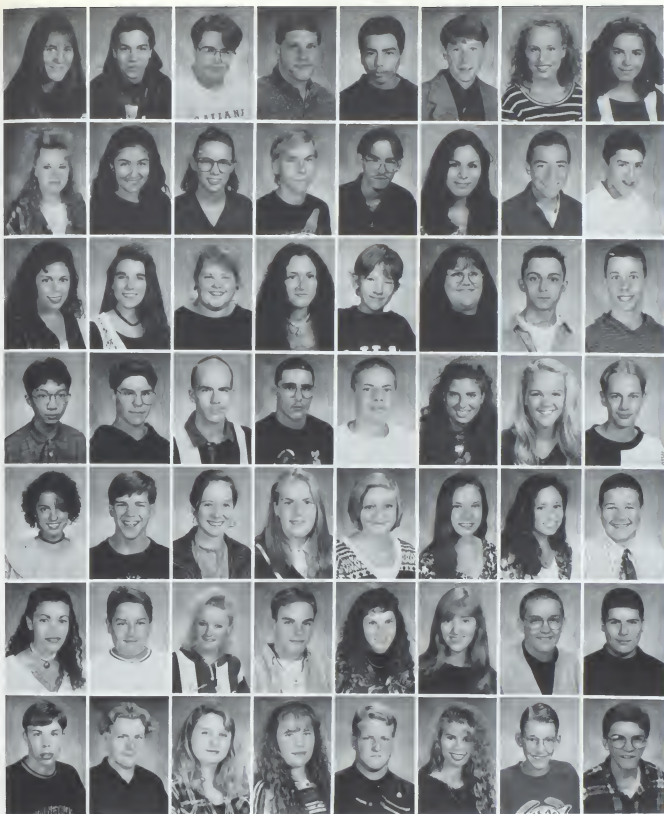
Lisa Timmerman, sophomore, said "Some underclassmen think they know everything."

On the other hand, many sophomores don't have problems with up-

perclassmen because they have become friends with them.

"I knew them from middle school, so I was cool with them when you got to high school," sophomore Phil Garcia said.

Sophomore Frank Essany said, "I try to be



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Bobbie Crowder III

friends with everybody.” Sophomore Art Wright said, “Upperclassmen are fine if they don’t bug you.”

Glen Karwick, sophomore, said, “As long as they don’t act immature, and act like high schoolers. I have no problem with them.”

According to most sophomores, upperclassmen and sophomores get along pretty well.

Sophomore Jaime Campbell said, “The upperclassmen seem nice.”

Many Sophomores feel that the upperclassmen should treat like

photo-Julie Appelhagan

they would treat their friends, any other student in the same grade, or any other person.

Jason Zaideman, sophomore, said that the upperclassmen should treat them like they were in the same grade.



sophomore Kevin Crowover and seniors Andrea Kirish and Dave Kellogg socialize together in the commons.

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Kristine Flick
Michael Foley
Norman Ford
Giannina Fornari
Jennifer Fox



... Jason Alaniz

Always being stuck in the middle

After being little fish of thesea,thesophomoreclass moves one step closer to becoming thebig fish of the sea.

"The only thing that seems different is that we have bigger lockers this

year. We do not have to get on our knees to open the locker," sophomore Jessica Mundell said.

For some sophomores not only are the lockers bigger, but the classes are a little more challenging,

educational and fun.

"It is better this year because we have a lot more classes to choose from than our freshman year," sophomore Valentine Torres said.

Some people think of being one step closer to the

day they graduate in the year 1996.

"My freshman year went by so quick, now I just hope that the rest of them do," sophomore Elizabeth Slatten said.

Many feel that being a sophomore is kind of like being in the middle.



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Michael Harkins
Sherlyn Harrington
Jamie Harris
Derek Hart
Kim Haskell

"It is good not to be the little ones anymore but we are still kind of the little ones. Now we are the little ones at East but next year we will be up there," sophomore Nick Munoz said.

Sophomore Nikki Gass said, "It really does not mean that much to me be-

cause every senior has been a freshman and a sophomore once in their life."

Some look forward to the days of taunting the freshmen during their senior year.

Scott Curran, sophomore, said, "I did not get picked on as a freshman,

Photo-Micheal Washburn but I plan to do a little taunting of the freshman in the near future."

"I do not like it when people taunt freshman so I probably won't make fun of the freshman," sophomore Butch Crowder said.



sophomore Tony DePerio walks with senior Josh Cavinaw and junior Mat Kniola, shattering myths that upper and underclassmen can not get along.

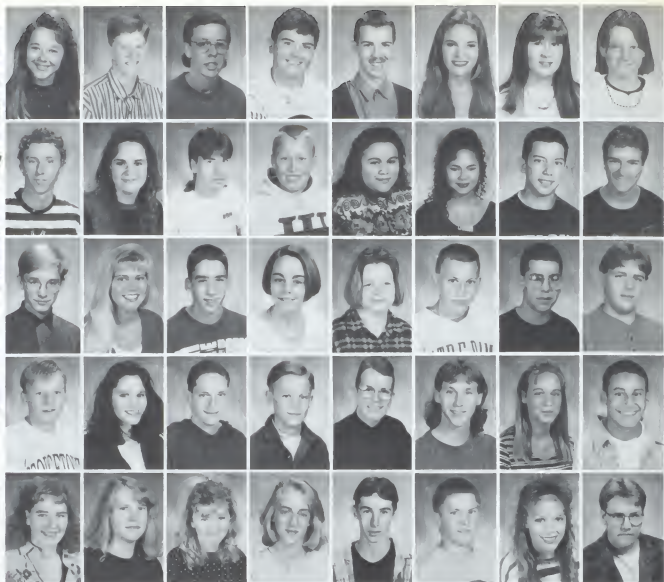
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rowing up and going on sixteen

What is 16? Half of 32, a third of 48, a fourth of 64, a fifth of 80.

No. When the thought of being 16 comes to mind, curfews become later, freedom is a little closer, the ability to go to parties is finally here and a driver's license becomes a major priority.

"The first thing I thought of when I turned 16 is getting my license. Freedom also comes in my mind," sophomore Nick Wellman said.

At age 16, decisions start making a major affect on ones' life. Many

students think, "Should I get a job?, Do I really need a job?, I really want a car though, will my parents pay for my car?"

"At age 16 you get your first job to buy a car or just for extra money to spend. You also get to see what it is really like to have responsibilities like an adult," sophomore Greg Whitten said.

A fun or good paying job may be hard to find for a 16 year old entering the work force. One of the biggest decisions that sixteen year olds may have would be whether

or not to get a job or even if they want one.

"When I went to look for a job it was more difficult than I thought. The pay was low and it was a fast food joint, not exactly what I had in mind for my first job," sophomore Michelle Soto replied.

Life takes on a new view when the age sixteen pops up. Life speeds up or may slow down depending on student desires.

"It's just another year to get through. In a way, life changes but if you

think about it, it's just another year," sophomore Jenene Stafford said.

Going on 16 to some students may be no big deal, but to others it can be a big change in their life. Getting their license is the thought of most 16 year olds.

In the 1700's, 16 year olds were not concerned about driving or getting a job, it was just a number like half of 32, a third of 48, a fourth of 64 or a fifth of 80.

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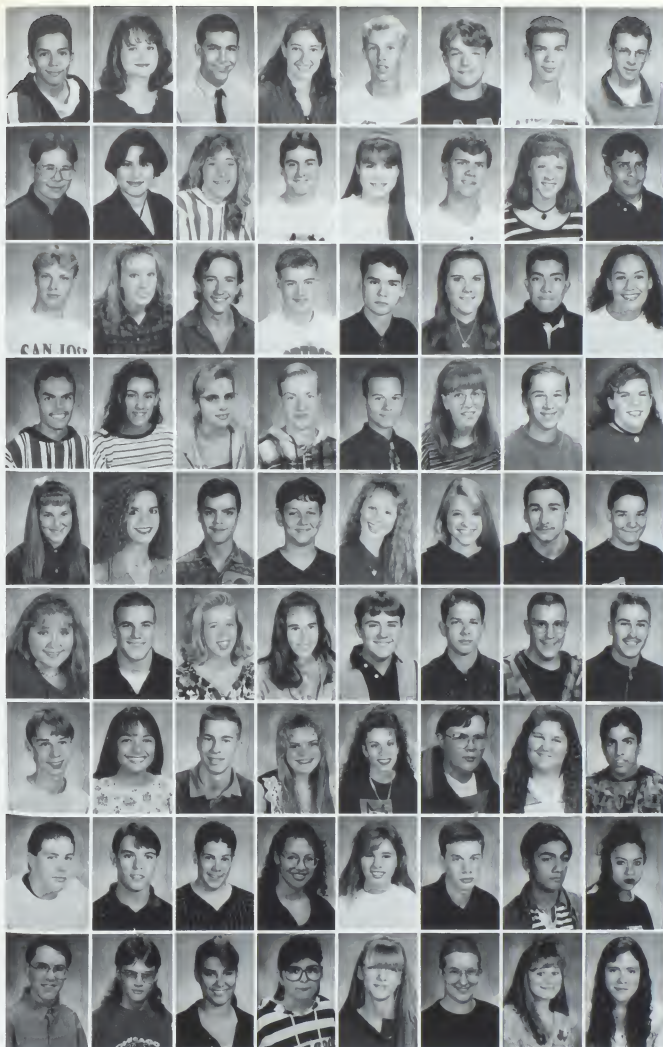
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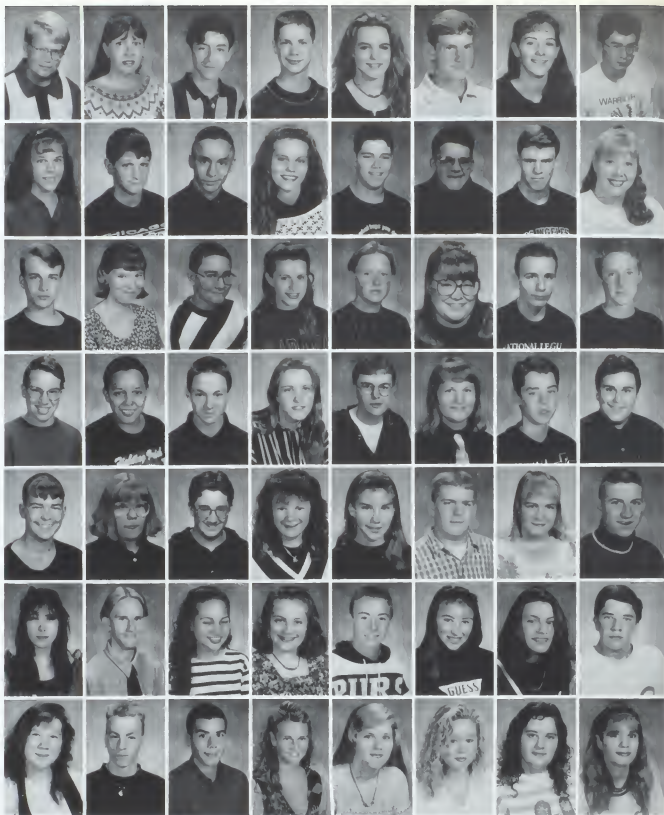
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Lost in the Unknown of West

On Aug. 25 the class of 1997 entered PHS for the first time. Many expressed fear of the unknown and not being able to find their classes, friends or lockers.

"There's a lot more of

a variety of people here to meet and I like that," freshman Theresa Hazzard said.

"It's a lot different than middle school because there's more of a selection of people, you get

more freedom and the day seems to go by faster," added Charlie Stanninger, freshman.

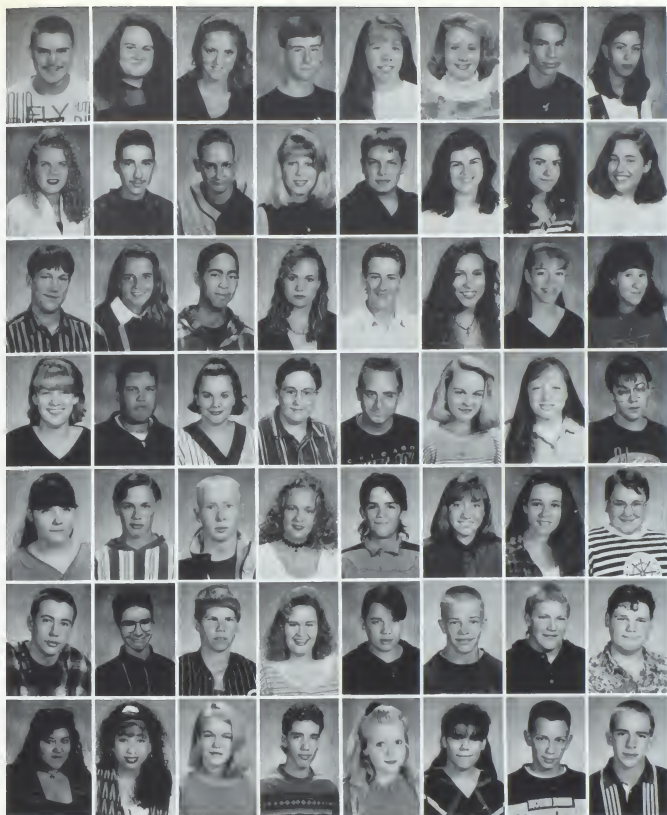
Not everyone agreed things were better here than middle school.

"Because of there be-

ing more people, the teachers here don't seem as involved. It's more of an open atmosphere here," freshman Adam Wysuph said.

"Teachers more or less care more if you're there in school rather than keeping after you to do your work," said fresh-

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man Valerie Nixon .
"I really don't like changing classes from East to West," said freshman Amanda Yates said.
"The hardest thing I had to except is I'm now just a little fish in a big sea just trying my best to succeed in this world and it all starts

here," said Adam .
Although there was many confusing feelings about starting their freshman year here at PHS, many realized being a little freshman wasn't as bad as it seemed.
Still, others would disagree and can not wait

photo- Mike Washburn
till their sophomore year.
Soon they will be seniors and they will look upon the incoming freshmen as they are looked upon.



Freshmen Jose Gutierrez and Kathy Merritt enjoy relaxing and hanging out during lunch after a full schedule of their routine day .

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7reshmen Play After the Bell

Schools out! Whether it's to relax at home, visit a friend or stay after school for an activity that is going on, freshmen find something to keep them occupied.

"The day really has just begun for me when school

lets out because I'm always busy going to basketball practice, doing my homework or cleaning up around the house," freshman Stacy Lemley said.

"I go out and play football with some friends," freshman Phillip Watkins

added.

For some students sports just doesn't fit their agenda. Some students like time to themselves while collecting their thoughts through curling up with a good book or listening to the radio.

"I have an unusual hobby I do after school but I've been doing it over two years and I like doing it because I earn money through it. I bead jewelry and although it's very time consuming the pay off is well worth the wait," freshman Samantha Minton stated.

Most freshman agree

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Cassy Hauswirth
Chris Hayes
Theresa Hazzard

that after school activities wouldn't be fun without spending it with a friend or loved one.

"After school lets out my friends pick me up and we all go hang out at the mall or go cruising in their cars," freshman Susan Mullens added.

"As soon as I get home I do my homework first

then go straight to my girlfriend's house where we can spend some time together," freshman Tony Molina said.

Other activities freshmen do in their spare time include: hacky sack, playing video games on Sega or Nintendo, writing in a Journal or having an after school job.

Photo by: Micheal Washburn

Whether it's going to an after school practice or hanging out with friends, freshmen have no problems finding things to do in their spare time.

Keeping occupied is the only concern left after the bell rings for school to be dismissed.



Freshmen Jennifer Martinez takes a break at lunch before finishing the regular school day. Students use lunch to socialize with friends, catch up on homework and to eat.

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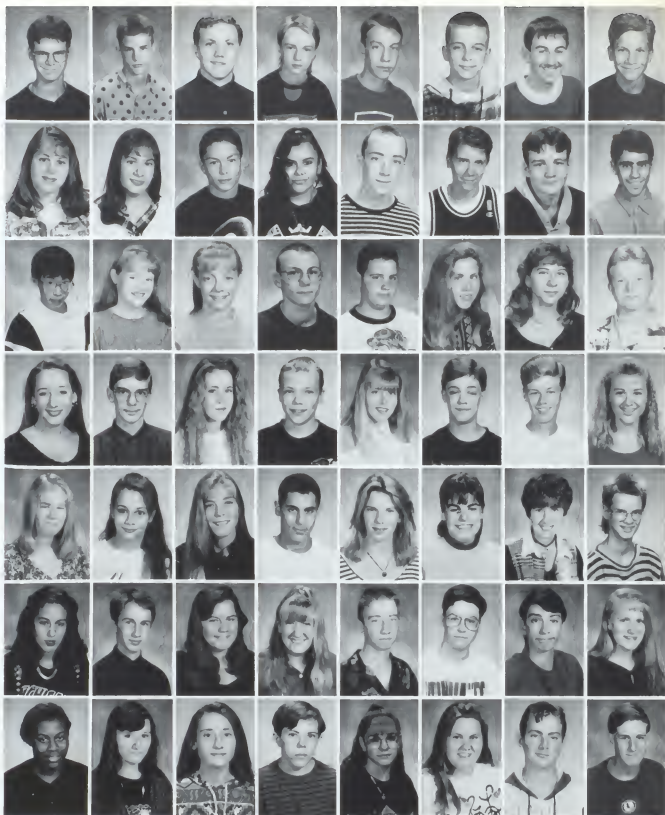
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Teresa Hudson
Bryan Hunt
Joseph Hunt
Amie Hurst

Meaghan Husted
Heather Huttmacher
Autum Hyde
Rashad Ibrahim
Shannon Imes
Melissa Iwan
Kristy Jablonski
Kevin Jackowicz

Danielle Jackson
Michael Jackson
Loretta Jacobs
Rachel Jamieson
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Jeremy Johnson
Shane Johnson
Amy Johnston

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Mary Jones
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Michael Joseph
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Jeremy Kaiser
Jason Kawiecki



... Mignon Montpetit

Freshman, Their Final Year of STEP

Freshman Jeannette Hernandez stared blankly at the test booklet in front of her. She was convinced that every answer was "E-none of the above."

It was that time of year when many high school students shudder at the thought

of exams that lasted for hours, yet Hernandez realized with relief, that since it was her freshman year it was the last time she had to take the test. As did many other freshman, she decided to put forth more effort during the exam so she could end the ISTEPs with a

good feeling.

Joshua Eyerman, freshman, agreed with Hernandez when he stated, "Well, it's the last time I'll have to take it, so I might as well do my best."

Freshman Mindi Gilbert agreed with Eyerman say-

ing, "Since it's my last time, I might as well do my best."

As Cheryl Mullin, freshman, put it, many students are "overjoyed" that they don't have to take any more ISTEPs after April 1994.

Freshman Julie Shelton said she was glad she didn't have to take the exams anymore and replied, "They take too much time."

Since it was their last year



Jaimmie Keeling
Rob Keffler
Amanda Kegley
Jenny K. Kelly
Stephen Kinder
Crystal King
David King
Christine Kirincic

Casey Kirkpatrick
Lindsey Klsiak
Jeff Knapp
Martin Knight
Michelle Kniola
Christina Kostelnik
Jill Kozowski
Kelly Kreischer

Joy Krejci
Shanna Krok
Heather Kucera
Jeffery Labounty
Thomas Labus
Patrice Lafoy
Lisa Lamb
Ryan Lang
Kelli Lani
James Lash
Theresa Lavendusky
Ryan Laws
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Stacy Lemley
Elisha Lennex
Theresa Lentner
Sarah Lerch
Lisa Levenson
Dessa Lewandowski
James Lewis
Jeremy Lewis

Shannon Liesch
Robert Likavec
Michelle Lilly
Michael Livingood
Vonnice Loeffler
Billy Long
April Longworth
Robert Loomis

Thomas Loomis
Betsy Lopez
Michael Lopez
Aaron Lowe
Stephen Lugo
Robb Lukasik
Jacqueline Luttrell
Nicholas Lyman

taking the ISTEPs, some freshmen were reminded of growing up.

Michelle Harman, freshman, said, "It will prepare me for the SAT's and the ACT."

Freshman Jason Pratt expanded this thought when he replied, "My scores on the ISTEPs will reflect on my acceptance to colleges."

He later added that he was

at that age when grades really begin to matter.

Sarah Bradford, freshman, was also reminded of growing up. She exclaimed, "I even had to take them in first grade and I'm still taking the exams in high school."

She too was glad to see the ISTEPs come to an end. She added, "They make me sick, you can't talk, you just

Photo by: Michael Washburn

sit there and take tests!"

The final ISTEPs symbolized relief for some, growing up for other freshmen. What many freshmen seemed to agree on, though was that the ISTEPs were the one thing they wouldn't mind seeing in a history class.



freshmen Jennifer Martinez takes a break at lunch after finishing the ISTEP. Students use lunch to socialize with friends, catch up on homework and to eat.

Sarah Mahns
John Maliziola
Melinda Manna
Charles Mansville
Joseph Marsh
Jennifer Martinez
Scott Matlock
Amy Matthew

Chris Mavronicles
Tanya Mayoch
Greg Mays
Mary Mazurek
Stephanie McCack
Jacklyn McClay
Marcie McColly
Shaun McConnell

Scott McDonald
Jamie McDowell
Eric McEwan
Rvan McGuffey
Mike McKay
Amity McKiddy
Robert McKinney
Brandy McLean

Jose Medina
Courtnee Melton
Shannon Melvin
Jacob Mendez
James Mendez
Kathleen Mendoza
Yvette Menendez
Kathy Merritt

Mark Messinger
Laura Mick
Allen Mietzner
Kevin Mikaloff
Brandon Miller
Michael Miller
Scott Miller
Tina Miller

Lisa Minor
Samantha Minton
Scott Misner
Scott Moehl
Clayton Molden
Tony Molina
Melissa Mongoven
Mignon Montpetit

Tabitha Moore
Justin Morales
Barbara Morehouse
Jerry Morris
Jaclyn Mrak
Joe Mrak
Cheryl Mullin
Susan Mullins



Striving for High School Goals

As a freshman, a small fish in a huge pond, people can feel like their four years until graduation is an eternity. It helps if people make goals for themselves and strive to achieve those goals throughout their high

school career.

Most freshmen seem to have sports oriented goals for themselves. "I want to play varsity baseball," Johnny Malsiola, freshman, said.

Freshman Pat Sanches stated, "I want to make

the soccer team and letter three years."

Carlo Ernandes, freshman, stated one of his many goals is, "To Beat Dan McWhirter's football records."

Jason Tokarchuck, freshman, said his goal is

"To start on the varsity basketball team."

Some freshmen's goals were academic. Freshman Korey Reynolds said his goal is, "To play varsity softball and to run varsity cross country. Also to be on the A honor roll."

Crystal Cannon's goals are, "To play varsity volleyball and softball and



...Stephanie Collins



Nathan Muudi
Daniel Murray
Eric Murray
Jill Murray
Zachary Murray
Debra Myers
Lindsay Najar
Ted Najjar

Sarah Natalie
Penny Needs
Elizabeth Negron
Jason Nelson
Jeremy Nelson
Misty Nelson
Mike Nemeth
Darren Newberry

Nicole Nickoles
Valerie Nixon
Tim Nush
Jaime Nygra
Misty Oatsvall
Dennis Odisho
Paul O'Donnovan
Ezequiel Olmo

Felix Olvera
Jeremy O'Neal
Shaun O'Neill
Margaret Opolski
Phillip Orr
Ken Orr
Elizabeth Orsolini
Joel Osborne

Nathan Osbun
Jennifer Oshea
Kathy Owens
Amanda Palmateer
Michael Pappas
Tony Parrigan
Michael Passarelli
Crystal Patrick

Jason Pede
Janelle Peek
Michelle Pelot
Brandon Penix
Trena Perrine
Josh Perryman
Sarah Petite
Michael Pickering

Courtney Pierce
Jameson Pierce
Eric Pilnock
Chad Plo
Tim Prowski
Doug Pofahl
Kelley Ponda
Deziree Powell

make student council."

Freshmen with academic goals set for themselves are freshman Lisa Leveson who wants "To get into Valparaiso University because it has a good law school."

Freshman Rashad Ibrahim's goal is just, "To do good in school and activities."

Freshman Autum Hyde said her goals were, "To stay out of trouble, to be an honors graduate and to get into a good college."

Freshman Mike Forney's, goal is literally, "To be all I can be."

Freshman Buddy Cantrell's goal is simply, "To graduate."

Whether athletic or

photo- Mike Washburn

scholastic goals, everyone has some kind of goal, but for now, most freshmen just want to graduate. Freshmen will continue to climb the ladder leading to their senior year. Their goals range from various ideas, but all together they make up the class of 1997.



Freshmen Amity McKiddy and Brandon Miller enjoy the Halloween Dance, one of the many activities students can do.

Jason Pratt
John Price
Charles Puskac
Nicholas Rajski
Tony Ramirez
Richard Ramos
Vicmeal Ramos
David Ratcliff
Edward Reckenwall
Steven Reibly
John Reisinger
Dannette Reno
Jaclyn Repay
Albert Reyes
Nilda Reyes
Kortney Reynolds

Jace Rhea
Esther Rice
Jason Rice
Bob Richards
Ryan Richmond
Bruce Riffle
Amber Riley
Joseph Ring

Bridget Ripperdan
Andy Risau
Randi Ritter
Dominic Rivera
Kim Robinson
David Rodich
Henry Rodriguez
David Roe

Dana Rogers
Steve Rogers
Chris Roman
Frances Roman
Griffin Roubideaux
Kris Rowe
Marc Royce
Alice Russ

Jennifer Russell
Jim Russell, Jr.
Beth Sabin
Nicole Salyer
Doug Samuel
Pat Sanchez
Stephanie Sandoz
Stephanie Santos

Lise Sarich
Ernie Sasser
Justin Sawochka
Jason Sayer
Kim Scheeringa
Krista Scheller
Kris Scherrf
Brandon Schubert



...Stephanie Markos

ust clowning around the class

The last laugh is on the teacher! The terrorism ranges from jokes to wisecracks or the occasional announcement. Whatever the tactic may be, there is almost always at least one class clown in every class.

Many students are classclowns to lighten the load

and just enjoy making people laugh.

Freshman Susan Mullins stated, "I'm a show-off because I like to laugh and to make others laugh."

Others would rather not be a show off because they would rather learn.

"I'm definitely not a show-off, but show-offs don't really bother me. I think they make the learning process more fun and exciting," Nissa Swanter said.

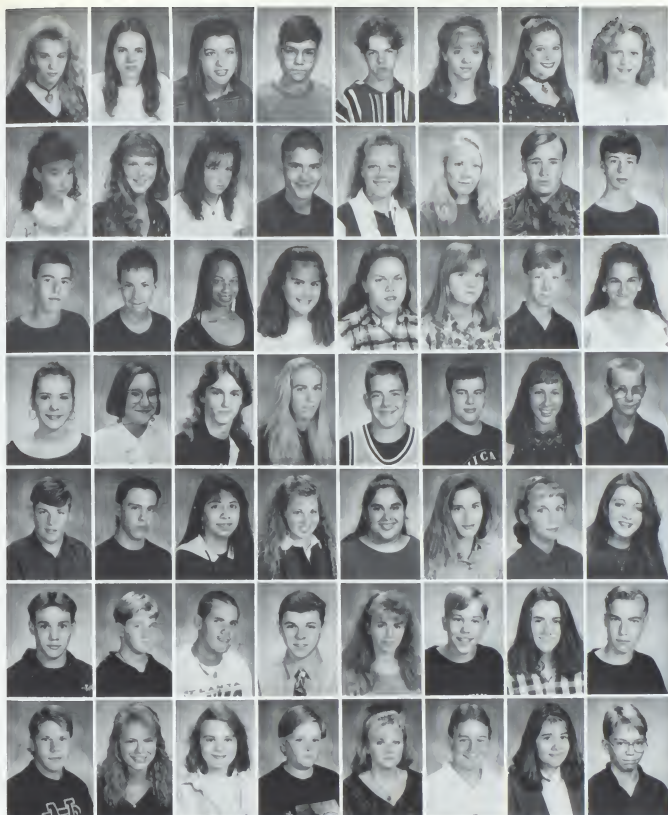
A lot of students find it lightens the atmosphere and makes the school day a little

more enjoyable when there is a show-off in class.

"I just over look it and concentrate on my work, so they really don't bother me," Susan stated.

Others feel differently about the subject and feel their education is disturb when a show-off takes over the class.

"I think they disturb the learning process a little," David Torres, freshman.



Stephanie Schultz
Corey Schumacher
Christine Schuster
Craig Scott
Lee Scott
Valerie Scott
Kim Scheeringa
Carol Selby
Jennifer Serynek
Michelle Shadley
Nicole Shasteen
Peter Shaw
Courtney Shebesh
Julie Shelton
Chris Shepherd
George Sherwood

Nikolas Shields
Brian Shively
Talia Shorter
Kelly Shoup
Courtney Simmons
Carina Simmons
Joshua Sims
Elizabeth Singleton

Jami Sipich
Amanda Siroky
Nathan Sisco
Sarah Sloan
Tom Smedley
Daniel Smith
Nicole Smith
Steven Smith

Curtis Snellgrove
Christopher Soria
Sonia Soto
Michelle Sparks
Melissa Spence
Carisa Spicer
Kimberly Spou
Jenny Standish

Charles Staninger III
Eric Stanley
Sean Steele
Brian Stevenson
Kristin Stevenson
Tom Stinson
Amanda Strain
Todd Strom

Benjamin Strupeck
Sonja Sturges
Missy Sultz
Joseph Sullivan Jr.
Susan Sullivan
David Sultzer
Nissa Swanter
Scott Sworden

stated.

"It disturbs the learning process, but it helps some classes," Susan said.

The appropriate time to be show-off is deciphered differently by students.

"It's appropriate only when the teacher is in a good mood," Nissa said.

"It's appropriate whenever they want to goof off," freshman Edwin Gonzalez.

Besides the appropriate time to be a show-off and whether they disturb the learning process or help it be enjoyable, one important factor to being a show-off is what makes a person the class clown. "When they goof off a lot," Nissa said.

"A person who smarts off a lot is a show-off," David stated.

"Someone with a very out-

photo- Todd Kobitz

going personality," Susan stated.

Freshmen are the youngest of the school and the most hyper. They still cling on to their middle school ways as they goof off in class or play pranks. Freshmen year is the year to adjust from middle school to high school.



Freshmen Andy Berger and Mike Wall clown around on the benches outside the office in the freshman building.

Fawn Tarne
Brandy Taylor
David Taylor
Tom Taylor
Cortnie Thiel
Brandy Thomas
Jim Thomas
Brian Thompson

Chad Thompson
Tracie Timpe
Jason Tokarchuck
Chris Ton
David Torres, Jr.
Jose Torres
Escher Torres
Chuck Tremblay

Mary Tressler
Machelle Trooper
Corinne Tucker
Dawn Tucker
Damon Unland
LaShauna Urbanik
Jennifer Urchick
Roxanne Vallangeon

Marissa Vallejo
Phil Vargas
Robert Vega
Elizabeth Verbich
Loni Verdusco
Melissa Virden
Jamie Vlamos
Michele Vogt



ust When You Thought it was Safe to Sleep

The eye lids begin to close, the hazy point of being half-awake and half-asleep sets in and then the mind starts to wonder.

Sometimes dreams can take the mind to other worlds and live out things that could never be possible in real life. Sometimes people even have dreams of fairytale adventures.

"I dream the fairytale dreams. You know the ones where you're swept off your feet by a knight in shining white armor or in most cases it is just the guy that I am crazy about. Sometimes I even just dream about marrying the perfect guy and living the perfect life,"

freshman Susan Mullins said.

Some are not so lucky to have such good dreams. Dreams seem to go both ways, sometimes it is the dream of dreams then again there are nightmares. Some nightmares even discover hidden phobias that do not always show during the conscious state.

Freshman Jeremy Louis said, "I always have this nightmare that I am falling off a cliff into a bed of spikes and when I wake up, I'm falling off the bed."

"I sometimes have this dream that I am swimming in a pool and I start drowning," fresh-

man Nissa Svantner.

Some people dream about other things like things that can not happen for the next 10 or 15 years.

"I dream about the future because I am worried about life to come. I dream more about where I will be working in the future and how much money I plan to be making," said Kristin Stevenson, freshman.

People take the meaning of dreams and interpret them in many different ways.

Freshman Kelly Jones said, "I believe there are meanings to all dreams but I do not know what they are. I know it is some kind of psychic

photo- Todd Kobitz

numbo jumbo that I do not understand."

Mullins believes that they tell the future or at least tell you something about it.

David Torres said, "I think that some of the dreams are warnings about something and the rest I am not really sure what they mean."

Dreams, they can be nightmares, telling about the future or they can just be a way of living out things that are not possible in the real life that we all live in.

...April Greenwell



Trisha Vottero
Amy Walker
Michael Wall
Danny Wallace
Jennifer Walworth
Bryan Warchus
Chris Ward
Ronnie Ward

Jacob Warner
Heather Waters
Adam Wathen
Phil Watkins
Julie Weber
Luke Weinman
Eric Wells
Chris Westerkamp

Jacob Wick
Chad Wildrick
Terry Will
Brianna Williams
Matt Williams
Barry Wilson
Jeff Wilson
Nikki Winingner

Shaun Wisniewski
Robert Witt
Eric Wolfe
Donald Woodke
Trisha Woods
Cindy Wyman
Jeremy Zaideman



Freshmen Joe Sullivan drifts off into the wonderland of dreams while work lying below awaits his awakening.



Ann Adler: Secretary
Bonnie Albert: Math, Soph, Chmn Sponsor
Mary Allison: History
Kathy Anderson: Secretary
Jane Arden: Athletic Secretary
Britt Balowick: Art, Studies, Geography

Louise Baker: Registrar
Ernest Barton: L.R.F.
Robert Beagle: Industrial Arts, Dept. Chair,
Video Club
Paul Benson: English
Jon Bertone: Chemistry, Biology
Dr. Donald Bivens: School Superintendent
William Bodnar: Acting, Speech

Dennis Bond: History, Gen'l
Patricia Brown: German
Richard Brown: Biology
Ron Buhn: History, Dept. Chair
Larry Cusack: Athletic Director
Estelle Chaddick: Substance Abuse Coordinator
Suzanne F. Chappell: Publications, Quilt and Sew

Cheryl Clapp: Math
Clara Clark: Math
Jim Conway: Asst. Principal
Janis Cope: Eng., Medieval Club
Sandy Cove: Cosmetics, P.E.
Jim Doane: Science
Diane Dominguez: Vocational

James Douglas: History, World Cultures,
Student Court
Patricia Dowdard: Guidance
Lynn Duhammel: Media
Mary Eckhardt: Secretary
Greg Fisher: Asst., Typing, Math, Boys'
Basketball
Doris Foreman: Bookstore
Anne Frost: Math, Freshman Cheerleaders

Cheryl Glavin: P.E., Lifeaving
James Goetz: Math
Jill Goetz: Home Ec., Foods, Dept. Chair
Pamela Gargel: Secretary
Roy Gelfand: Concert, Symphonic Orchestra
Marvin Gersuny: Chemistry
Jim Gorkowski: Social Worker

Andrew Halaschuck: Attendance
Gil Hamilton: Business
Ron Hancock: World Geography
Caleb Teaching: Student Council
Liz Hanson: Special Ed.
Tom Harberick: Industrial Arts
Mark Harber: Science
Debra Heilmann: Guidance

Sandra Herr: Secretary
Elaine Hicks: Speech & Debate, Speech Team
Katherine Hines: Spanish
Patricia Hollingshead: L.R.F. Aide
Jay Hodges: Math
Lynn Horvath: Spanish, Spanish Club
Scott Hufford: Science



Policy makes DHS smoke-free

Last year the school took away the smoking privileges for students and many students have complained since. Well, this year all that changed because the school has decided that teachers

need to set an example for the students. Therefore, the board has decided to ban all smoking from the building.

Most of the teachers are really happy with the result of the new rule.

"I love it!", P.E. teacher Mr. William Wilke stated enthusiastically, "If it is good for the kids, it is good for the teachers. The teachers should set the example for the students,

If they have to smoke, they should chew gum instead."

"I do not smoke, so it does not really affect me but the trend now is anti-smoking. Teachers are not different from any one else, they just have to accept it. It obviously is not good for you. I



...April Greenwell



Cattle Jacobs: English, Bible I & II
 Robert Jacobs: English
 John Kappes: Ind Tech, Boys' Cross Country & Track
 Ella Kaurts: Paraprosedional
 Christine Kays: Math, Junior Class Sponsor
 Eve Kjennerud: English
 Les Klein: Health, Art, Athletic Dir.

Richard Kirchner: Asst. Principal
 Joseph Koss: Art, Art Club, Dept. Chair
 Geoff Kozicki: Eng. IV, Var. Organizations, Pop
 Kathy Kozicki: Eng. IV, Var. Organizations, Pop
 Arlene Kramer: Media
 Judy Krueger: Child Development
 Annette Kulmaczki: Art, Brush & Palette

Dorothy Kuster: English
 Jane Larson: Business
 Jerry Lasky: Asst. Principal
 Linda Lemond: English
 Michael Lemond: History, Econ., COB
 Donna Leisburg: Business
 Tom Levandowski: PE, Baseball

Chera Lilly: Health Aide
 Shirley Lindquist: Business
 Mike Lipinski: PE, Girls' Swimming
 Sue Lipinski: Math, Girls' Basketball
 Henry Lofst: Science
 Jane Lowenstein: Art
 Sara Lutz: Guidance

Dennis MacArthur: Business
 Jill Mangold: English, Academic Team, SAGA
 Barbara Mason: English, Homerooms
 Richard Masten: Science, Girls' & Boys' Tennis
 David Masten: Chinese, French, FLHS, French Club
 Kay Matteson: Math
 Robert Matulis: Science, FCU, Football

Sue McPherson: French
 Phyllis McVicker: PE
 Don Merrill: Health, Trainer
 Warren Miller: Choir, Chorales, Girls' Glee
 Kim Milner: LEP
 Terry Milner: PE, Dept. Chair
 Jill Milner: Accounting

Tom Milner: Health, PE, Boys' Track
 Tamara Mink: English
 Agripina Montecalvo: Spanish
 Sylvia Mraz: Spanish
 Bob Mullen: Science
 Helen Mandell: Speech Team, English
 Ralph Mundt: Government, Boys' Swim

Arlene Noll: English, Words
 Dennis Norman: Eng., Speech, Writing, NHS
 David Olson: Guidance
 Sherry Offord: English
 Debbie Ornes: Bookstore
 Robert Parker: History, Geography
 Ruth Parks: PE

have seen people with health problems due to smoking," stated History teacher Mr. Dennis Bond.

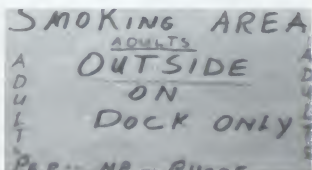
Of course, not every one is going to be happy with the decision.

Economics teacher Mr. Michael Lemond commented, "I would

like to see no one smoke, however, I think not just teachers but adults should have the decision to smoke or not. They should be able to find a place with in this large building where they can smoke."

The school does provide a place for the fac-

photo- Jennifer Volk
 ulty to smoke. Teachers must now go out by the loading docks to enjoy a cigarette. While the entire campus may not be smoke-free, at least the building is.



The new smoking policy now forces teachers outside to smoke. The policy still does not make PHS entirely smoke-free.

Carlo Parroni: Vocational Ed
 Lori Pavitt: Business
 Linda Peto: Spanish
 Rob Preisnitz: Special Ed
 Christine Pratt: Social Studies
 Victor Raster: Lab Band, Marching Band,
 Pep Band
 Forrest Rhode: Principal

Marlene Rhode: Media Center
 Tina Roman: Computer Applications
 Sharon Rother: Life/Math
 Jim Samuel: Assistant Principal
 Ed Schen: Latin, English
 Duane Schultz: Math
 Kathy Schwelgenhof: English

Richard Shearer: Ceramics, Photography,
 Dept. Chair
 Kathy Schrader: Math
 Raymond Sfrigg: Typing
 Marge Stankowski: Business
 Laurie Sarnack: Math
 Brigitte Sternis: Spanish
 James Snyder: Guidance

Joseph Spradacco: Math
 Mary Spradacco: Math
 Shirley Sprilman: English, Dept. Chair
 Donna Staunbaugh: Vocational Ed
 Sheila Stevenson: Guidance
 Anne Strassbaugh: Secretary
 Patricia Strassbridge: Science



School Board members from left to right: Sally Olsen, Terry Hufford, Charles Mosley, Glenda Owens, John Williams. The school board is responsible for setting guidelines and policies for the school to follow, as well as overseeing the carrying out of those policies. One issue that involved the school board this year was the new contract negotiations for teachers, which centered around insurance and pay increases. The school board also honors PHS students and teams, especially those competing at the state and national levels. Dr. Donald Bivens is the Superintendent of Portage Township Schools. Dr. George McKay is the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Mr. Michael Berta is the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education. William Suarez acts as the School Board's legal counsel. This was Dr. Bivens's last year as Superintendent of Portage Township Schools; he is retiring. The School Board met once every month to discuss current issues affecting the school system.



Vera Struger: Elated Mechanics
 Madeline Summers: Guidance
 Robert Symer: Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Dept. Chair
 Larry Thayer: Science, Wrestling
 William Timmerman: Concert Band, Marching Band
 Charles Turner: Math
 Gail Trobaugh: Prevocational Ed

 Martin Troglio: Vocational Ed
 Pete Turjan: U.S. History, World History, Football
 Rose Turjan: Prevocational Ed, U.S. History, English, Speech, Basketball
 Tim VanLanduyt: Special Ed
 Major David White: JROTC
 Donna White: Math
 Paula Wilson: PE, Art Foundations

Janelle Wilson: School Nurse
 Robert Wilson: Math
 Yan Wolfman: Physics
 Donna Yakub: Science, Dept. Chair
 Doree Yoramovich: Media Center



eachers enjoy summer vacations

Around the end of March, Mr. Sun starts to show his face around PHS. With warm weather approaching, and the school year drawing to a close, many teachers began to plan their vacations.

Bible Lit teacher Mrs. Cathie Jacobs is looking forward to her vacation time. She plans to spend her Spring Break in Florida, then she will fly off to England for the summer.

Mr. Richard Shearer plans to take a quieter vacation. Mr. Shearer doesn't have any extensive travel plans; he just wants to spend his vacation hanging around the house with his wife.

Bible Lit teacher Mr. Joe Stevens also plans to travel abroad this summer. Mr. Stevens is quite the seasoned traveler. He's been to many countries, and he's visited every state in the USA except North Dakota. Mr. Stevens will be spending his summer in Vietnam. "It's been 25 years since I've been there," he said, "so I'm returning.

I'm going to be doing a search for some of my Vietnamese friends. I'm looking forward to it." He's also going to Cape Cod with some of his family members early on in the summer.

English teacher Mrs. Helen Mundell is up in the air about her vacation. "Later in the summer my mom and I are going to St. Petersburg Beach in Florida. My husband and I are either going to Atlantic City or we will take a gambling cruise."

Speech teacher Mrs. Linda Hicks visits the same spot every summer. She and her husband own property in Telluride, Colorado. That's the big ski resort shown in the Visa commercials. "We go up there and hike in the mountains and take in the fresh air and stare at the stars. It's a real laid back Western town. There's no stoplights, no Walmart, no golden arches. It's nice to go there and just get away from it all."

Economics teacher Mr. Michael Lemond says he re-

ally is not sure what he's going to do with his vacation time. He says he's not planning anything really spectacular. "We might just be going to New York City to visit my wife's mother."

While not all teachers are traveling to far-off places, they seemed anxious for the summer to finally arrive, and they plan to make the most of their vacation.



esturing wildly, Mrs. Linda Hicks explains her vacation plans. She plans to spend her summer in Colorado. Like many teachers, she is really excited about summer vacation.

... Jenny Johns

Breaking I Q

Students and faculty alike busted out in the classroom. There was a new Tech Prep program implemented and many new teachers joined the staff as well. Besides having new teachers, several of our favorite teachers will be saying good-bye as they retire from PHS. Mr. Joseph Koss, Ms. Shirley Speilman, Ms. Patricia Klewer, and Dr. Donald Bivens will be among the teachers retiring. Mr. Bob Mattix will no longer be the coach for the Indians, instead he will be transferring to Valparaiso University to coach the Crusaders.

Many classes did a variety of activities. Sociology broke out the semester with a simulated court case. Biology II dissected a fetal pig in class. The peer tutors went on many trips with the LRE students, including a trip to the Cubs' game. Quiz Bowl went to state and came back placing ninth.

Many of the classes broke out the year with final



Health teacher, Mr. Les Kline, teaches students the danger of premarital sex. Kline teaches the students the consequences by telling teens about the sexually transmitted diseases they may get from having unprotected sex.



Senior Trina Mullanoni takes a break away from the stresses of the Composition paper for senior English. Seniors who took Honors Composition wrote term papers that were approximately 2,500 words.





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ntently studying a SAT preparation booklet, Bryan George, senior, makes use of the guidance office. Bryan was one of many students who picked up SAT information in the office.

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athering information about Indiana University, Gina Gesmond, senior, talks to a representative. The guidance office set up visits with different Indiana colleges throughout the year to help students when considering future schools.

Photo by Mike Washburn



Breaking Through To Students

In addition to handling schedules, college visits and grades, the guidance department also helps students with personal problems. It is an important part of student life.

Many students use the office as a resource for college planning. Brenda Manion, sophomore, said, "I needed to go to guidance to see what I should do to take the SAT and other tests."

Senior Eric Wennerstrom found similar assistance in the office. "The counselors helped me get my transcripts from my other school over to here."

The aims of the department are to provide planning for the future, career counseling and personal counseling. In short, as counselor Sara Lux said, "We offer everything you would find at a traditional counseling office."

Mrs. Lux went on to say "Every day here is different. You never know what problem may walk through your door. It's never boring."

Sara Cool, junior, is one student who feels comfortable expressing her personal concerns to a counselor. "I can go there and get help with problems at home, with my boyfriend or anything big. But I think

a girl student would feel more comfortable talking to a woman counselor than a man," Sara said.

Eric also seeks personal help in guidance. "The counselor recommended teachers that could help me with certain aspects of the curriculum. The office is nice; it's private, confidential and the person is objective to your problems. They've given me the incentive to get better grades too."

However, some students like Quinton Shorter, senior, choose not to confide in their counselor. "I don't feel uncomfortable talking to her, I just like to tell my problems to other people."

Mrs. Penny Gorgei, secretary, said, "Our main service is to help kids reach their goals for the future whether they attend college or not."

To take advantage of the services in the guidance office, students need to fill out passes before or after school to see their specific counselor. The counselors are prompt at getting to each pass and seeing each student individually. The guidance office and its staff are there to help students reach their goals by making the way there a little easier.



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Like many new students, Karen Piatek, sophomore, gets help from her counselor Ms. Sheila Stevenson. The guidance department can be very instrumental in helping them settle into their new school. The department offers tours to new students and advice on different classes.

ending a listening ear to a student, Ms. Sheila Stevenson, counselor, helps solve a problem. The guidance department offers an objective ear to students that stop by to talk.

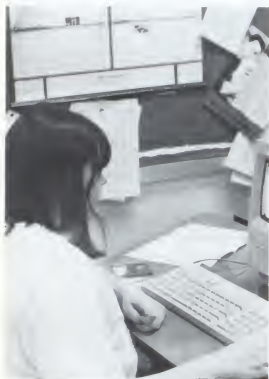


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Most visits with a counselor begin when students, like juniors Amy Ewing and Courtney Warren, fill out passes. However, sometimes a counselor will call students out of a class to monitor their progress.



orking on a calendar to be distributed to the community, Cristy Snellgrove, senior, types it out on a computer. First semester C.O.I.L. students made the calendar and gave it out to local businesses in time for 1994.



resenting her case to the jury. DeeDee Rodriguez, senior, acts as an attorney in her government class. Court cases were just one way Mr. Dennis Bond brought government out of the book and into the class.



Bursting To Make An Impact

—Jennifer Kelly

An obvious fact at Portage High School is that in order to graduate, students must pass some required classes. For most seniors, they have made it through the barrage of courses to end up in economics and government.

The chief goal of economics is to teach students ways to manage their money, understand insurance, provide a glimpse into the business world and do career research. Senior Dave Kellogg likes economics because he feels he is being prepared for life after graduation. "Unlike some other classes, you can use the information from this class in the *real* world," he said.

Marcia McGill, senior, enjoys several aspects of her economics class. "The fun part of econ is learning practical things such as buying a house, a car or getting credit."

Dave liked a different part of the class. "My favorite part was buying and selling stock because I'm greedy and I like to make money!" All in all Dave feels he has had a productive econ class. "I had a good teacher and I remember everything he talked about in class."

An alternative to the regular econ class is C.O.I.L. The C.O.I.L. class is taught first hour by Mr. Michael Lemond and its primary purpose is to service the community. This year the class has done projects such as holding a raffle for items like a Bull's jacket and tanning package, making a calendar of Portage's special events and selling environmental T-shirts to students.

Senior Elmore Mundell was one student in C.O.I.L. "The difference between regular econ and C.O.I.L. is that we work more with the community while only hitting on the key parts of

the book. Getting out into the community is definitely better than sitting in a classroom," he said.

The other senior class required for graduation is government. In this class students study in depth about democracy and different branches of the government.

"Government is a pretty nifty class," Chris Scholz, senior said. "It's interesting. I liked learning about how the House and Senate pass bills. Mr. Bond doesn't just teach the basics, he goes into what's right or wrong with politics and Clinton."

Another class offered at Portage High School, while not required, is Business Law. The objective of this course is to give students an understanding of the fundamentals of law and its principles. Many students take the class to prepare themselves for a future career.

"The criminal law section was my favorite part because that is the kind of lawyer I want to be," Michael Shane, senior said. Michael also felt, "Contract law was the worst part about the class."

Senior Bill Kehoe found the class to be beneficial besides looking for a career. "I have the ability to understand my rights as a citizen and a consumer. I understand what goes into making a business contract and how to find loopholes," he said. Bill also added, "It's fun to learn about things you as a consumer can do that most people don't know about."

Even though classes such as government, econ and C.O.I.L. are requirements for graduation, many students find them, and variations like Business Law, interesting, fun and useful.



Explaining the method by which presidents are elected, Mr. Ron Hancock, government teacher, gives a lecture to his class. Mr. Hancock is one of several teachers that teaches the required senior course.

Trying very hard to make a sale, Elmore Mundell and Gina Gesmond, seniors, give their sales pitch to junior Sarah Mitchell. The C.O.I.L. class sold environmental T-shirts for a fundraiser and donated some of the money to charity.



Photo by J. Appelhagen.

Interrogating the witness in his Business Law class, Jim Mack, junior, asks junior Danny Schultz details concerning a "crime." During the trial members of the class become witnesses, attorneys and judges. However, for fairness, it is necessary to draw jurors from nearby study halls.

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Child development classes teach students how infants grow and progress at different stages in life. Former alumni Gina Stepanovich brought in her daughter, Ariel, to help students better understand infants.



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Intense studying and concentration are two of the most important elements to go by when taking a psychology class. Senior Becky Green takes advantage of class time to write down a few notes while Mr. John DeCoster lectures.

Giving Students A Break In The Day

It's just around the corner! Wondering just what that could be? Well, it's real life. Portage High School offers many classes on how to approach all aspects of real life. Three "real life" classes which students can take at PHS are Psychology, Sociology and Child Development.

PHS offers students a Psychology class that is one semester long. One of the reasons students participate in this class is for the many experiments that Psychology teacher Mr. John DeCoster has throughout the year, one of the most popular being hypnosis.

Junior Bill Knapp said, "I took this class to find out why people act the way they do. I hope at the end of the semester I'll have a better understanding of the mind. I would suggest this class because you learn a lot about people and understand why people act the way they do."

"I took Psychology to learn about me and my mind. I just like everything about the class. I hope to learn more things about humans and their mind and not numbers or science, etc. Mr. DeCoster is one of the best teachers I have ever had," senior Carrie Belt said.

Child Development teacher, Mrs. Judy Krieger, summed up what she hopes students will learn: prenatal care, medical care after birth, developmental stages, techniques to guide children and develop a good sense of self-esteem.

Junior Jennifer Johnson said, "I took this class so I can take better care of my daughter. I think people should take this class just to know what to learn in here before you have kids."

"I feel that most of the women in this school should learn more about children whether it's their's or not. This class will help you be better prepared to take care of your children. I think it's interesting because it's important to know how a baby is produced and how to grow up to know more about your child," junior Kathy Joseph said.

"People need to know the information that we learn in this class before they have kids or if they already do, they need to know how to take care of them," junior Jill Via said.

Sociology teacher, Ms. Christine Pruitt, teaches about every day problems that occur in life. This class is based on how to approach peer pressure and other social problems that may occur in the adolescent years of students' lives.

Senior Malone Stanley said, "I took this class because it's recommended to become a cop."

Many students at PHS take these courses because of their practical application after high school. For students going to college, they will be prepared to take Psychology and Sociology as requirements. For students preparing to start families, Child Development will prepare them to raise children.



Under hypnosis of mastermind hypnotist Frank Peterson, several students cover their heads to save themselves from the fantasy airplane crash they are about to enter. Students were given the choice to go under hypnosis.

Infant Day is a time to learn from mothers how to raise a child and what to be prepared for. Sabrina Roldan, held by her mother Mita and the daughter of former student Jim Roldan, is overlooked by junior Kathy Joseph who is studying the actions of babies at certain ages.

Working together on a sociology project, Bryon Clouse, Malone Stanley and Melissa Pinlock, seniors, to discuss their ideas in a group effort. One of the main objectives of sociology is to help students interact better in a group setting with different kinds of people.

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Looking over his notes, junior Johnathan Schiller prepares to take a Chemistry quiz. Students in Tech Prep learn more applicable skills than students on the college-bound track.

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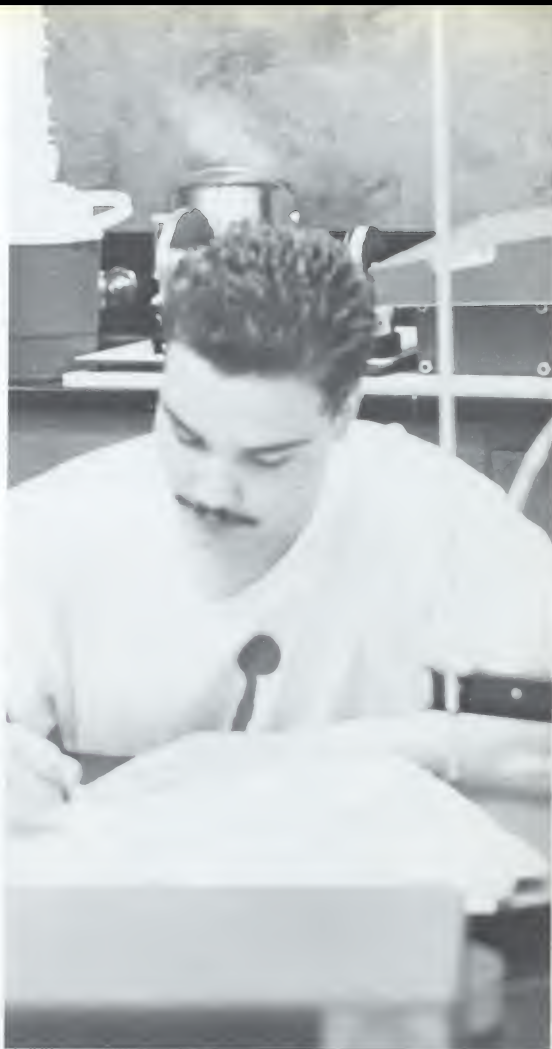


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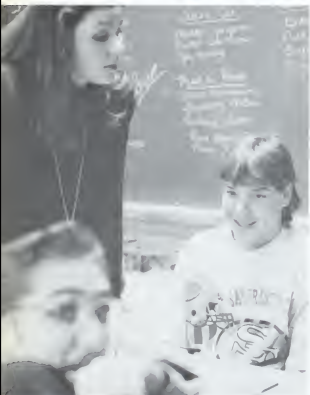


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Seniors Ralph Nurse and Todd Lara discuss their assignment while Mrs. Laurie Smock looks over their work. Students in Math Tech Prep are encouraged to use group work to complete assignments.

On The Breaking Edge of Technology

—Katie Golden

"Tech Prep was started by businesses because graduates coming out of high school were not prepared for team building activities, work within teams for corporations or know how to solve problems presented to them," Mrs. Laurie Smock, one of the math Tech Prep teachers, said.

Tech Prep is a variety of courses that are offered to students who are going to begin working right out of high school or attend a two-year college. The classes offered range from math, English and business to science and industrial arts. "Tech Prep is a curriculum for the middle 50 percent of the students who will attend a two-year college or a technical institute. Students in Tech Prep are trained more technically instead of academically," Mrs. Clara Clark, a math Tech Prep teacher, said.

"In the English department of Tech Prep we encourage kids to expand on their vocabulary in order to help them complete better applications or re-

ports. We teach the kids how to apply English to the kinds of jobs that they will be trained for," Mrs. Barbara Mason, English Tech Prep teacher, said.

"I'm teaching Tech Prep because I feel there was a real need for those students who struggle through the technical parts of math and they never get anything out of it, whereas, with this, I believe they're getting a lot more out of it," Mrs. Clark said.

Mrs. Smock agrees. "Last year, Mrs. Clark and I initiated the Tech Prep program for the pre-Algebra students and we've also implemented six sections of Algebra. A lot of these students aren't on the advanced track for the four-year college degree, so this helps them out."

"We put the students at the beginning of a trail and show them the goal at the end. It's then our job to teach them the steps to get to this goal, but it's their job to take the steps in order to reach it," Mrs. Mason said.



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stumped on a problem, sophomore Tim Glancy and junior Christina Garcia turn to Mrs. Laurie Smock for help. Mrs. Smock and Mrs. Clara Clark piloted the Math Tech Prep program.

Junior Dennis Duncan works on solving a problem during Chemistry class. A new physics class allowed students to mix physics and technology to have a complete Tech Prep experience.

Junior Jennifer Johnson works on solving a problem during a Tech Prep program. Math students could choose between regular math and Applied Math courses to fulfill their math requirements.

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ending a portion of her term paper, Angie Coe, senior, shares what she learned with the rest of her Comp for the College Bound class. While regular comp classes must write a 1500 word term paper, honors students are responsible for 2500 words.

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asting Spanish food in her honors Spanish class, Mandy Miotke, junior, takes a break from the usual activities of translating and speaking. While learning the language is an important part of the class, learning the culture is also important.

Bursting With Dedication In Honors Classes

Honors classes are one option available at Portage High School. Many students take honors classes to learn more, prepare for college, boost their grade point averages or to have a class with a teacher they like.

Honors classes provide many benefits for students who are concerned about their education. Many feel that they learn above and beyond what the regular classes do. Also, students who watch their grade point average religiously are pleased with the honors grading system. When a student scores a "C" or above in an honors class, their grade is raised one point. A "C" is worth 3 points, a "B" is worth 4, and an "A" is worth 5.

Andrea Kirish, senior, is in five honors classes. She feels that honors classes help her learn more than a regular class would. Andrea explains why honors classes helped prepare her for college, "You have to write more. It's more demanding, like it is in college."

Alan Washburn, sophomore, learns a lot in his honors Latin III class. Alan said the honors program was beneficial to him, "It helps me fulfill my language requirements before my college years."

Holly Miles, senior, said she learns more from some of her honors classes, but not all of them. She takes them because, "All the administrators and counselors tell me they will help prepare me for college."

Joel Lach, senior, takes World Cultures Honors as one of his classes. "I have a lot of respect for Mr. Douglas. He really encourages students to think on their own. That is what an honors class is about," he said.

In sophomore Becky Bercik's opinion, honors classes don't always help the students learn more; sometimes the teachers just pile on the work. Becky said, "The work is more difficult, you have to think more."

All of the students agreed that the major drawback of taking honors classes was "TOO MUCH HOMEWORK!"

Becky said, "Sometimes the work gets really complicated. You're afraid to ask questions because everyone in the class is really smart."

While honors students might not necessarily be smarter, the curriculum requires that they be dedicated and willing to work hard to earn their honors credit.



Photo by Julie Appelhagen
n Mr. James Douglas's World Culture Honors class, Jamie Kawiecki, junior, glances at the camera while Dave Henderson and Jason Renner, seniors, listen intently. The class spent the year examining the beliefs and motivations of different cultures.

reparing to field a question from one of her classmates, Cathy Billik, senior, gives a presentation in Comp for the College Bound. In addition to writing a term paper, members of the class have to report on what they learned.

n Chemistry II Honors, Stacey Kral, senior, works on a lab assignment. Stacey, like many others, decided to make an honors class part of her schedule to learn college material and receive honors credit.

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James Poe, junior, holds a measuring cup, Claudia Boyle, senior, prepares to begin the baking. Like many peer tutors, Claudia enjoys helping her friend.

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examining his hamburger carefully, freshman Henry Rodriguez enjoys lunch at McDonald's with Dan Bonta, senior. As part of the Personal Management curriculum, the LRE classes and their peer tutors eat lunch at a different restaurant every Friday.

Breaking New Ground In Special Classes

... Kelly Crane

Marking its fifth year at PHS, the Least Restrictive Environment program, LRE, has experienced many changes.

"When the program first started, we only had seven students from SELF and 20 peer tutors," Mrs. Liz Hanlon, LRE adviser, said. Five years later there have been a lot of improvements.

"The program now has eight LRE students at West and ten at East. There are currently 100 peer tutors and the number is still growing. Since no two students are alike, they all have different learning needs. The students in the program are able to work at their own pace," Mrs. Hanlon said.

The class is broken into four different categories. They are Functional Skills, such as teaching the students how to tell time; Personal Management, such as going out into the community with tutors to pay bills, go shopping or their favorite, bowling; Vocational Skills, being a teacher's aid or working for food service; and Social Skills such as art, gym and music classes.

"I like peer tutoring because helping the handicapped gives me a good feeling to know someone relies on me and looks up

to me as a role model," junior Joe Thielen said.

"This is my second year working as a peer tutor and I like the experience it gives me to work with other people," senior Claudia Boyle stated.

"I became a peer tutor because I loved the idea of working with kids and helping people. Samantha and I have a lot of fun together and I love working with her. At first it was just part of my schedule, but now she's become a friend," Bridget Nelson said.

"When I first heard about the program, I knew I had to get involved because I wanted the kids to feel welcomed and self assured. At first Andy was really quiet and distant, but now he's really starting to trust me and that's a reward in itself," sophomore Rhonda Arend stated.

"If you're thinking about becoming an LRE peer tutor do it! Because it's a good experience and it teaches you a lot about yourself and how to work with others," Bridget added.

To become a peer tutor, students can talk to Mrs. Hanlon at the beginning of each semester for the information and requirements.

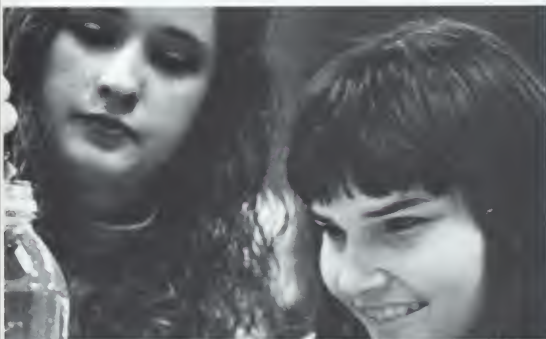


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ightly securing the lid on his project, Melvin Evans, senior, finishes making a wave-in-a-bottle. The project was a fun way for many students to interact with their tutors or just work individually.

milng while working on a project, senior Crystal Carlton works with her peer tutor senior Tuesday Barnes. Peer tutors help with many projects in class and, in the process, often make new friends.



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Almost ready to begin baking, Mrs. Liz Hanlon, LRE adviser, pours in the flour as seniors Tim Hess and Dewayne Clayton stand ready to pour and stir. Baking is a skill the students pick up in the Functional Skills unit.

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nder Mrs. Barb Mason's direction, Kristina Hernandez and Kaimi Blaha, sophomores, work in a group to make the effort easier. Aside from being a sophomore English teacher, Mrs. Mason will become the new head of the English department next year.



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aking a point about the stupidity of conformity, Holly Miles, Bridget Nelson and Michelle Hoover, seniors, make fun of flannel shirts. Aside from being a parody on high school life, their skit fulfilled a requirement for World Lit Honors.

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Crackin' The Classics

"To read, or not to read, that is the question." Many students ask themselves this when faced with a reading assignment in English. Tackling the classics is made a little easier and more interesting when teachers spice things up with a new approach.

Senior David Henderson enjoyed his World Lit class. "The books themselves were ok, but the way Ms. Speilman taught them was fun. I remember when we were doing Hamlet, she read the part of the ghost. She crawled under her desk and was moaning. It was eerie, but cool to say the least."

Senior Joel Lach also has some fond remembrances of Ms. Shirley Speilman's class. "We were reading All Quiet On the Western Front, and she whipped out this ray gun keychain and made all these battle sound effects. It was cool."

Senior Dana Wellman took Bible Lit as one of her English requirements. "Bible Lit is interesting," Dana said, "because we look at the Bible as a series of stories, not as scripture. The class gets really involved; we do projects and take turns teaching the class."

Senior Martha Gonzales learned a lot from her Composition class. "It was a basic step by step program that made other term papers a lot easier. It really helped me learn

some organization."

Junior Alynne Sanders also feels that a teacher can make or break an English class. "If a teacher just hands you a book and says 'read this,' you're not going to do it. But when they discuss the book in class and we watch a movie or something, it's a little more fun."

Junior Matt Brown doesn't really care one way or the other. "Well, if I want to graduate next year, I'll have to take English. I can tell my teacher tries to make the class as interesting as possible; we discuss the books we read and everyone participates. Sometimes I get a little loud."

Sophomore Shawn Stutler has mixed emotions about his English class. "Sometimes it's ok, like when we have to read a book, but when we get to grammar, it's boring. I hate grammar."

Sophomore Alan Washburn shares Shawn's sentiments. "I don't like doing grammar, but reading is ok. I like it when we watch movies because then we don't have to do as much. It's one of the more entertaining required classes."

English as a required course is here to stay, but with a little enthusiasm on the part of the students, and an imaginative teacher, the English requirement can turn out to be more fun and less burden.

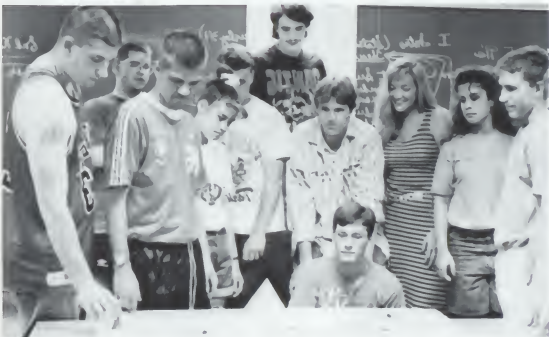


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s. Shirley Speilman, World Lit teacher, hides under her desk in an effort to make the novel All Quiet on the Western Front come to life. Bringing war sounds into the classroom made the reading more realistic.



Photo by H. Baugh

aking up some board space in his English class, Jeremy Cairns, junior, hangs up his project for Animal Farm. Artwork and videos are just some of the projects students can hand in for class.

seniors Ryan Olson and Scott Garzella present a project for Bible Lit while the rest of their class looks on. In order to receive credit in the class seniors must hand in a project at the end of the semester.

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member of the vocational Building Trades Class, Mike Cirak, junior, holds a support beam as he works on his class project. The class spent the year on location building a house.

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orking with machinery in his Diesel class, Mike Hitzley, junior, applies his knowledge of automobiles. After completing the course this year, Mike will have the skills necessary to enter the diesel field.



Providing a Break From The Usual

Planning for the future is sometimes difficult, but for some Portage High School students vocational classes make it easier and easier every day. Vocational classes are job training classes geared toward the junior and senior levels.

Senior Joyce Drasich said, "I'm taking a dental care class so I can become a dentist or a dentist assistant in the future. The class has really helped me understand the structure of my teeth and how to care for them properly."

Not only are there classes for the health profession, but also for building trades and computer technology.

Senior Rachael Hutman said, "The vocational class is pretty cool considering that I go there for two hours and then sit in the commons for the rest of third hour doing nothing."

Rachael takes advantage of vocational classes to further her career in the computer industry.

"The main reason I took the course is because computers do all the work for you if you type it out for it," Rachael said.

Senior Evette Sanchez said, "I would encourage anyone to take a vocational class in their junior or senior year because they are really fun and it is not where you just sit there and listen to a teacher lecture you for two hours. You actually get to practice some of the things you learn."

"Vocational is totally different from all my other classes and the teachers are also different.

It seems more like you are in college than in high school because of the way the class is run. They explain it to you then you go and do it," senior Travis Warren said.

Even though a student may not be interested in starting a career in the certain trade, there are still some students that take Vocational classes for the fun of it.

"I got into the dental care class because my friend kind of talked me into it. I am glad she did because it is actually pretty fun since you get to get out of the school for a couple hours and go somewhere else," senior Dawn Hayes said.

Some students think that it may be a challenge just get into the vocational program but all a person has to do is to sign up for it with a guidance counselor when they plan for next year's schedule.

Many think that the vocational classes are harder than other classes during the day but to others they are simpler.

Evette said, "The classes in school seem to be harder since all you do is sit there and listen to a teacher lecture you about the Civil War while you are falling asleep from boredom. If all the classes had the same format as the vocational classes do, the whole day would go by quicker and it would be whole lot more fun."

So whether a person is taking the class for the future or just for fun, the whole program educates today for tomorrow's success.



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students in the Administrative Support Services class, seniors Eric Rajski and Ed Rodriguez spend some time working at a computer. The class also offers a "job shadowing" assignment to students with above average typing skills during the last nine weeks.



making a technical blueprint on the computer. David Hutchins, senior, also looks off of a traditional paper blueprint. As a student in CAD Drafting, David has learned about software that aids architects in many mechanical applications.



junior Jeremy Woodall supervises the printing press while it is printing papers for the school's use. The Print Shop has become vital to every department of the school since it prints material for their use.



reshman Janis Greenberg mixes some cake batter in cooking class. One of the advantages of a cooking class is being able to eat the treats after they are cooked.

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utting the icing on their cake, Jeremy Wysuph, sophomore, and Rob Covington, freshman, finish baking in their foods class. While Rob may have the fun of icing the cake, everyone has an equally important job to do.

Good Tastes And Fashions Burst Out

Of the many electives offered at PHS, some students choose to take one or more of them in the Life Skills department. Life Skills classes help students learn how to function in the real world by teaching them to become independent. To accomplish this, such classes as sewing and cooking are offered to every student.

One class offered to students in the Life Skills department, cooking, helps them learn nutritional values and how to eat right. "It's really fun learning how to cook the nutritional recipes they give us and how to work as a team to achieve a better knowledge on cooking preparation," senior Lorie Miley said.

According to Mrs. Julie Goetz, life skills teacher, during the first six weeks of class students learn how to eat right through nutritional references in their books. They also learn how to eat right and stay healthy by the foods they eat. Additionally, students learn how to prepare and cook foods according to cooking experts' recipes. From there students who show an interest in going farther learn to cook using their knowledge and applying it to the kitchen.

Each time a student cooks, he is put in a group to perform a different job. Each cooking group consists of about five or six students, each doing a different job. Some of the jobs include the cook, who bakes and prepares the food; the assistant cook, who

gets the proper amounts of food from the food tray; the host, who sets the table and lends a hand; and the dishwasher who handles the clean-up.

"The best part of this class is getting your turn to cook because it's really fun. But I have to admit I hate it when I have to be the dishwasher!" sophomore Eddie Karsten said.

"The worst parts of the class are that you don't get to pick the groups, not being able to cook every day and the challenging tests," junior Angelica Trinidad added.

Another class offered through the life skills department is sewing. As the name of the course may hint, the idea of the class is for students to learn the fundamentals of sewing and how to use patterns and sewing machines.

Senior Tiffany Hollifield explains why she took a sewing class, "I wanted to learn more about sewing so I figured this would be a good way to do it and earn an easy credit."

"I felt I needed more experience in using a sewing machine. In sewing I learned how," Christine Ronce, sophomore, said.

Brandy Perrine, senior, agreed with Tiffany about the credits, but also went on to add, "It really seemed like a lot of fun. I learned how to make coats, skirts, pajamas and shirts."

For students that want to become more independent, many students feel Life Skills classes are the way to go.



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ending over an iron as she straightens some seams, Lauren McCall, sophomore, finishes up a clothing project. Many of the class' projects could be seen in a display case in the hallway outside the rooms.

t takes a careful eye to sew a straight line using a sewing machine, and Sandy Samardzija, senior, does just that. Sewing classes help Sandy, as well as many other students, prepare for future careers in the clothing industry.

taking a break from stirring his candy, Matt Godsey, junior, watches the rest of his group cook in his foods class. Candy was among many of the tasty treats, including cakes and cinnamon rolls, the class made this year.



viewing the results of a math test can cause anxiety. Tony DePerio and Matt Movre, sophomores, examine their math tests in Mrs. Laurie Smock's class, hoping for the best.



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It takes a steady hand and concentration when cutting up a fetal pig. Senior Martha Gonzales carefully uses scissors to open the abdominal cavity of her fetal pig.



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Breaking Through Facts and Figures

Portage High School is known for its academic standing, and the math and science department help prove that. There's a wide range of classes offered in each department, from honors to remedial, from general classes to specific, specialized classes.

Science offers General and Life Science, Biology I and II, Chem-Com, Chemistry I and II and Physics I and II. Math offers General Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I and II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Math IV, Math IV Honors and Calculus Honors. The Math Department also offers an accelerated program.

Junior Michelle Cain said, "I took Biology II because I enjoyed my first year of Biology. I wanted to take another year of science. I didn't like Chemistry last year, and I didn't really want to take Physics, so I decided Biology II would be the way to go. I do like the class a lot, but it's very hard. I do enjoy a challenge, but this is almost ridiculous."

Junior Sharon Wilfong agrees. "I took a year off from science because I'm not fond of that subject. This year I'm in Chemistry I. It's not as hard as I was told it was going to be, but it's still a little bit of a challenge."

"I didn't really like Chemistry I last year," junior Melissa Mahony said, "but I'm finding Biology II to be very interesting. This class is hard, but I'm still having a lot of fun."

The Math Department also offers a wide range of courses. "I had a difficult time arranging my math schedule last year because I

switched schools. I had to take a correspondence course in order to get full Algebra credit. Now, I'm taking Math IV. It's a lot harder than I thought it was going to be, but I'm going to stick it out so I can take calculus next year," Sharon said.

Melissa agrees. "I've never been all that great at math, but I thought I'd try Math IV. I'm learning a lot, though. I guess that's all that matters."

"I wasn't one of the fortunate ones who got to take algebra in eighth grade, so I'm only in Algebra II. Actually, I'm glad I didn't take it in middle school. I have a hard enough time with math as it is, but to add another honors class to my schedule would be torture. Just because I'm a masochist does not mean I want to kill myself!" Michelle Cain said, laughing.

Junior Sarah Newhall said, "At my school back in New York, we were further ahead in our classes than they are here, so I'm the only junior in Calculus, which is interesting. Still, I'm enjoying the class. I thought I'd be bored since I've already done a lot of what we've covered, but since the books are different, I have to learn a lot of new things while I'm reviewing things I've already done!"

All in all, Portage High School has a very strong Math and Science Department. Sharon said, "Even though I did enjoy my classes and teachers at my old school, this school has a lot more to offer, not to mention a lot harder classes!"



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Junior Michele Baker studies the internal organs of a fetal pig as one of her projects in a Biology II honors class. Students dissect pigs to apprehend a better understanding of the body.



It is all done in the name of science. Junior Megan Kelly injects a syringe with an alcohol substance into a gas chromatograph. The science department brings the Chem-mobile to PHS annually.



Combined efforts always make the work more easy to accomplish. Sandy Samardzija and Wendy Shaefer, seniors, work together to help each other better understand their Calculus Honors homework.

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fter listening to a panel of rape victims speak to his health class, Craig McGill, sophomore, reads the literature they handed out. Guest speakers are one of the many ways teachers alleviate the boredom of book work and tests in class.

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concentrating on her activity, Vanessa Murrow, senior, learns how to rip tape in Intro to Athletic Training. While student trainers are able to bandage sprains, clean wounds and care for injured athletes, taping wounds is an important part of their training as well.

Never Breaking Stride

To escape this institution we call school, one must complete one semester of health and two years of gym. However, many students wonder how the classes apply to their career choices. Do we really need these classes, or are they just more requirements thrown into our agenda?

Students have numerous opinions of these mandatory classes that for some are useless and for others are helpful and relaxing.

"I think gym and health should be mandatory because it teaches you to interact with people and stay in shape," sophomore Bob Billezer said.

"I agree, I think it's good to have them, especially health, because it teaches you how to stay healthy, care for your body and live longer," freshman Mary Gnat said.

Mr. Dan Merrill, health teacher, feels health is a subject everyone works with. "People are always dealing with health. Whether eating, sleeping or working, taking care of yourself benefits everyone. It will help you lead a long safe life."

Others had a different point of view on the subject of gym and health.

"I don't feel we need gym in our agenda because gym has nothing to do with your education. When you apply for a job they don't ask you how many years of gym you've had," Heather Price, junior, said.

Another person who opposed the required gym class, Rachael Persuhn, junior, said,

"Some people don't possess athletic skills and should not be required to make a fool of themselves in gym. If you want to get into a gym class that should be your own prerogative. Being graded on how physically fit you are is unfair to the one who is not fit."

Many students cannot agree on why such athletic or health oriented classes need to be required

"Both classes are pretty easy if you look at it. If I get a B for running the mile in a certain time that is fine with me, but I don't think that they need to be required. If someone doesn't want to play a certain sport that day they shouldn't be penalized for it," senior Dan Bonta said.

Some students like the idea of cutting it loose for an hour in gym class every day. "I think that it's nice to have an hour to stretch out and do something instead of just sitting there and listening to a teacher lecture us all hour about something I do not even care about," sophomore Dave Weldon said.

"I wouldn't mind going to gym so much if all we did was play sports, but we spend half the hour talking about the sport then another 10 minutes stretching out so we only have about 5 minutes left to play before we have to change into our school clothes," sophomore Liz Garner said.

Whether or not gym and health are a must is a very open subject to students and probably always will be.



Photo by Jennifer Volk

ripping the bar and preparing to do her next maneuver, Laura Weeks, junior, performs her routine on the bars. Concentration and skill are needed to make even the most difficult routine look easy.

n Mr. Tom Milteer's 7/8 hour swimming class there is more to swimming than just laps. Some days the swimmers have time to relax in the pool, play water basketball or practice dives.



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racting a handstand on the balance beam, Rebekah Bracki, senior, demonstrates her talent as a gymnast. In addition to gymnastics practice after school, the team can take a gym class 10th hour in order to have extra time on the equipment.



sing some of the activities incorporated into the Portage Challenge Ed course, Mrs. Linda Hicks, debate teacher, brings some fun into the classroom. This, along with group panels and presentations, helped build class unity in Speech.

Photo by S. McEwan.



hecking a definition in the back of her book, Tami Ross, junior, translates a paragraph in her Spanish class. The foreign language text books come with dictionaries in the back to help students with words they may not know.

Breaking The Language Barrier

At PHS there are many courses designed to help students write better or read faster, but there are also classes to promote, GASP!, talking in class! Speech and Foreign Language are among these classes.

There are six different types of speech classes offered to students. They included Debate, which consists of talking about issues and trying to persuade the opposition to take to your opinion; Fundamentals of Speech, which teaches students step by step how to talk openly and freely in front of people; and Introduction to Drama, which is a way to give speeches while utilizing the performing arts. Three other speech classes offered to students include Oral Interpretation, Mass Media and Persuasion/Interpretation. While the courses may be required to graduate, many students still find them enjoyable.

"I took Introduction to Drama because Mr. Bodnar makes it fun, and I love to act," sophomore Lisa Fields said.

"I took Debate because I love to argue and voice my own personal opinions," sophomore Steve Hodgson added.

Additionally, many students who were not looking forward to speech ended up liking it.

"At first I didn't want to take speech, but since it was required, I had no choice. Then I realized that I could debate the things that I cared to talk about. I even gave a demonstration speech on how to lift weights. That's something I'm interested in," Matt Movre, sophomore, said.

Another department that is not a require-

ment to graduate but is popular among students is the Foreign Language section.

Many students learn foreign languages to help them in college or as a requirement to earn the Honor's Diploma. Aside from requirements and colleges, many students take languages for the enjoyment and ability to communicate with other cultures. With an extensive language department, PHS offers classes in Spanish, French, Latin, German and even Chinese.

"I took Spanish because my mom speaks fluent Spanish and I feel it's the one language that can be used on many occasions in the United States," senior David Robertson said.

"I took French is because I wanted to get an Honor's Diploma when I graduate," senior Bruce Selva said. "Besides that, French is an okay language."

"Spanish is fun and I love the chance to speak a different language. I also enjoy learning about how people live in different countries," sophomore Jason Zell said.

Another good reason to take a foreign language at PHS is the trip offered each year. Every four years a language has the chance to take its students to a native speaking country. Since the languages rotate years, students of each language have the opportunity to visit a foreign country, and there is a new trip every year.

All in all, whether students at PHS are talking to a group or in a different language, it's safe to say that in these rooms, there is a lot of talking in class.



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Photo by J. Appethagen

A n essential part of any debate class is research, research, research. George Ferguson, sophomore, proves this point as he spends his class hour studying facts on his topic.

A fter excelling in French for three years, Becky Hamstrom, sophomore, becomes a member of the Foreign Language Honor Society. FLHS is an organization for students that maintain an "A" average for three semesters in a language class.

P art of their French III Honor's project, Crystal Durfee and Cindy Bickham, sophomores, teach their second language to elementary school students. The French class spent one day a week visiting Portage township schools.



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unched over his papers, senior John Smith concentrates on his Superbowl study materials. John competed for the Fine Arts team and the Social Studies team.



Spellbowl: Row One, Crystal Frizzell, Lisa Fields, Sheila Lynch. Row Two, Maria Pena, Pedro Claudio, Peter Frick, Coach Mrs. Jill Mangold. Row Three, Dan Weeks, Bruce Selvage, Tim Nush.



Academic Decathlon: Row One, Assistant Coach Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz, Maria Pena, Dan Weeks, Rabia Javed. Row Two, Coach Mrs. Jill Mangold, Jamie Kaweck, Pedro Claudio, Peter Frick, Karl Cheng. Row Three, Jesse Gonzales, Corrie Donelli, Bruce Selvage, Tom Gregorczyk, Tim Nush, Assistant Coach, Mrs. Arlene Kramer.



Quizbowl: Row One, Crystal Frizzell, Peter Frick, Pedro Claudio, Tim Nush, Sheila Lynch. Row Two, John Smith, Karl Cheng, Corrie Donelli, Maria Pena. Row Three, Mrs. Jill Mangold, Coach, Dan Weeks, Tom Gregorczyk, Rabia Javed.



Academic Superbowl: Row One, Sheila Lynch, Corrie Donelli, Pedro Claudio, Tim Nush, Crystal Frizzell, Assistant Coach Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz. Row Two, Assistant Coach Mrs. Arlene Kramer, Karl Cheng, Jesse Gonzales, Bruce Selvage, Peter Frick, Coach Mrs. Jill Mangold.

Busting With Spirit And Knowledge

"Pass the ball! Pass the ball! ALRIGHT! 3-POINTER!" Sound like a basketball game? Well, it is a basketball game of sorts, only this one takes place at a PHS Academic Team practice.

Mrs. Jill Mangold, English teacher, has sponsored the Academic team for the past three years. There are many events to compete in, and the students spend a lot of time preparing for different competitions.

The first competition of the year was Spell Bowl. The team won first place in regionals, but were one point shy of qualifying for state. Senior Crystal Frizzell competed in Spell Bowl. "It was a lot of fun," said Crystal. "I really like competing against other schools, especially when we destroy them!"

Pedro Claudio likes being on the Academic team for the challenge of learning new things. "It (academic competition) is a way to expand your knowledge; you never know when it may come in handy," he said. Pedro competed in Spell Bowl, Quiz Bowl, Academic Decathlon and Super Bowl.

Senior Sheila Lynch competed in Spell Bowl, Quiz Bowl, and was on the English Super Bowl Team. Sheila really enjoys being on the Academic Team, "I enjoy the academic stimulation of studying the materials and the excitement of competition."

Academic Decathlon, Spell Bowl and Quiz Bowl take place in the winter, and Super Bowl in the spring. This year the team won ninth place in the state Quiz Bowl competition. The team practices between two and four times a week before a competition. That's where the basketball comes in.

After practice, members engage in a rather violent game of Nerf basketball. Innocent bystander, senior Julie Appelhagen observed, "I've walked by Mrs. Mangold's room after one of their practices and heard all these crashes and screams."

Sheila offers a bit of advice to upcoming Academic teamsters: "One must always watch one's butt while sitting in the room during the basketball games because those boys don't care where the ball lands!"

Actually, even though Academic Team requires a lot of work, the members have a lot of fun. "We work hard at practice because everyone wants to do really well. We still joke around a lot, and the trips are really fun," said senior Corrie Donelli.

All jokes aside, the Academic Team works hard and takes its competitions seriously. Even though the membership is small, the teamwork paid off both in and out of competition.



Photo by J. Appelhagen.



any hours of studying and competition go into being a member of an academic team. Team members like Tim Nush, freshman, and Peter Frick, senior, spend numerous days after school learning new material.



Photo by J. Appelhagen.



though academic competition is not a sport, it still requires teamwork, dedication, skill and knowledge. Dan Weeks, senior, shows his dedication while working with assistant coach Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz.



orking on a project in her ceramics class, Kristy Praszak, junior, gives it all of her attention. At the end of the year her art may be displayed in the school's annual art show.

Photo by M. Trader



Photo by M. Trader



yping intently as she watches the screen, Mellissa Nicholson, senior, applies her knowledge of the computer. In addition to mastering Word Perfect, business students use many other aspects of the computer.

C. Henderson Photo

Bursting With Talent And Ingenuity

Whether painting for art class, developing a picture in photography or just balancing a checkbook for a business class, PHS offers a variety of art and business classes to all its students.

Many students take such classes for three popular reasons: they plan to pursue a career in the same field of education, to enjoy the class as a hobby or to take the class because they think it will be an easy A.

No matter what reason the class is taken for, all students must take the class seriously to excel.

"I do not plan to have a career in photography. I just like it as a hobby. Maybe I might have a career on the side of taking outdoor pictures; I *do not* want to take pictures of little babies, they cry too much!" junior Photography III student Nedine Cunningham said.

"I hope the students take it seriously because they can find out if they really like the stuff in the class. They learn the fundamentals of drawing and if they like it they can go on and take more advanced classes in the area of study. Do not think that you have to be a perfect drawer to take drawing class; anyone can take it," Photography teacher Mr. Richard Shearer said.

Senior Aaron Marentes said, "Accounting class is pretty cool but it can be very boring listening about checks."

Senior Karina Galindo said, "Economics is real hard for me. If it was not a required class there is no way I would take it because all this tax stuff is so boring that I want to fall asleep! If they find a way to make it fun it would be better."

Some students feel that the class will help them prepare them for their future.

"Economics will really help me later on when I do my taxes so that way I do not have to pay someone to do them for me," senior Tami Bush said.

There are more classes that have to do with business than Economics but many students do not have the choice of taking it because it is a required class for seniors only. However, many others think that it is unfair to force seniors to take a certain class.

"I do not think that Economics should be required because it should be the student's choice what class he or she take," senior Peter Shippen said.

Some students disagree with that opinion.

"Economics should be required since you are going to have to use it once in your life to do your taxes or something like that," senior Bridget Nelson said.

Many students have different feelings about the classes, but the fact is that all of them help prepare students for the future.



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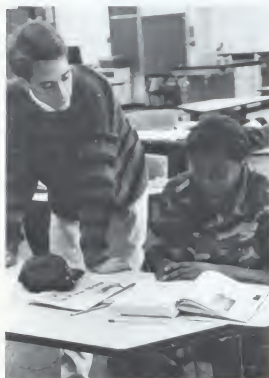
Drawing from memory or from sudden inspiration, Joe Giangulio, sophomore, sketches lightly in his drawing class. At other times in the class, students are required to draw images of items placed in front of them.

Trying to dry the rubber cement a little before gluing, Matt Kniola, junior, finishes up his artwork. Matt, like many people, put art in his schedule to provide a break from usual classes.

Slancing at the book before she begins to type, Stacey Fields, senior, works in her Office Skills class. Classes like office skills give students the chance to master the computer before they go out into the workplace.

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ending over a student to help her with her homework. Mr. Scott Hufford, biology teacher, gives freshman Brandi Jones his undivided attention. After a long job last year of substituting in the math department, Mr. Hufford landed a science job when Mr. Fish retired.



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ttending a reception in his honor, Mr. John Broome, new assistant principal, prepares to give a speech. Mr. Broome began his job at Portage during the second semester, replacing Mr. James Conway.

Breaking Old And New Boundaries

Students were not the only people starting a new school this year, there was also the addition of teachers to Portage High School.

Along with the beginning of the school year, the newcomers had many creative ideas and goals to help their students.

Mr. Robert Parker, Geography and Government teacher, said, "I hope to help my students find some enjoyment in Geography and Government this year." While Mr. Parker was a former teacher at Fegley Middle School, this is his first year at PHS.

Mr. James Snyder, guidance counselor, said, "My major goal this year is to try to get to know all of my students the best that I can. When I was in high school there were really no guidance counselors, so when I looked back on my life I found a lot of things that I could have really benefited from if I had a guidance counselor. When I decided to go into education, I thought that I could really help a lot of students by becoming a counselor, so that is what I did."

Mr. Parker said, "I chose teaching because it gave me a chance to deal with the subjects that I enjoy the most, History and Geography."

Along with new teachers entering PHS, there were also some retiring teachers.

Mrs. Patricia Klewer, a freshman English teacher, will be leaving PHS at the end of this year. Mrs. Klewer has been teaching for 34 years and has spent 31 of those years at PHS.

"I'm getting old and I wanted to quit teaching while I still love it," she said.

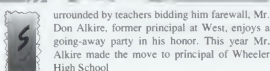
While the new teachers were looking forward to starting a new year at a new place and meeting new people, retiring teachers will certainly miss what they came to know over the years.

Mrs. Klewer said, "I will miss all of the good experiences, the successes I've had and also working with the faculty."

Besides the retirement of Mrs. Klewer, PHS said good-bye to Dr. Bivens, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Don Alkire, who left at the beginning of the year to start a job at Wheeler High School and Mr. James Conway who began a new job in Boone Grove. Also, at the end of the year, Ms. Shirley Spielman, Mrs. Sherry Olfest and Mr. Joe Koss announced their retirement. On the other hand, PHS also welcomed Mr. Scott Hufford, Biology teacher; Mrs. Helen Mundell, English, Mr. John Broome, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Sandy Corso, PE; Dr. Jon Bertram, Biology; Mrs. Kim Milner, LRE and Ms. Tina Romano, business.



Delivering a speech at graduation, Dr. Donald Bivens, Superintendent of Schools, wishes the seniors good luck in the future. Dr. Bivens was instrumental in overseeing the function of the schools and creating policies for them to follow.



Surrounded by teachers bidding him farewell, Mr. Don Alkire, former principal at West, enjoys a going-away party in his honor. This year Mr. Alkire made the move to principal of Wheeler High School.



Preparing to answer her student's questions, Mrs. Helen Mundell teaches her sophomore English class. One of many new teachers at PHS, Mrs. Mundell is a traveling teacher that moves from room to room to teach her students.

Record Breaking

Many athletes busted their buns all the way to the top of the record books. Many records were broken along the way, a few teams, as well as members, made it to state.

Records were busted by both boys and girls sports teams. Junior Yvonne Jaime broke the high jump record by jumping 5' 4", breaking the previous record of 5' 3".

Many teams also busted their buns all the way down to state. The Boys Cross Country team placed first in every tournament before state, except the Manchester Invite where they placed second and then went on to place second at the IHSAA state meet.

Although the senior athletes left, the underclass athletes still have many records to break and many goals to meet in their future athletic careers.



Junior Anthony Alaniz tries to gain control in his match by tying up with his Valpo opponent. Alaniz went on to compete at Market Square Arena at the state competition at 103 lbs. weight class for the first time. The wrestling team placed 7th at state.



Junior Michelle Olvera was a major backbone to the Girls Cross Country team, she, along with the rest of the team, helped get the team to the state competition. The girls went down to state and placed 10th.



The Unsung Heroes

Freshman and junior varsity football do not get the publicity that varsity does, but they still practice and take their games just as serious as any varsity player.

He breaks off one tackle, spins off another and falls into the endzone for the touchdown! The crowd of 20 parents goes wild as the freshman football team wins a heart-stopping game, 20-14.

Playing football for the freshman and junior varsity football teams is often times a thankless job. There are not the thousands of fans in the stands to cheer the team on. No reporters, no photographers, just two teams wanting to win. Winning is still the main objective and both teams try just as hard to win their game as would the varsity team.

Junior Sean Connors said, "It's just as exciting playing in the game on the JV level as it would be to play on the varsity level. It's a chance for the players who aren't really ready for varsity to improve themselves."

Playing on the junior varsity can be tough considering that the players must learn their offense

plus the opponents offense. The reason they must do this is to prepare the varsity team for the big game on Friday night.

Sophomore Scott Curran said, "It's hard being on JV because you get beat on all week because you have to play as the opposite team. We have to learn the other teams offense and defense in just one day and then we have to try and prepare for our own games on Monday night."

Junior Chris Hillely went on to add, "Playing junior varsity is a lot more fun because if you make a mistake it doesn't matter. It's not like there is a Duneland Conference title on the line. The main thing is that you are improving yourself so the mistakes don't happen when you are playing for first place."

Playing football on the freshman level is the first step on a players way to the varsity level. The freshman team holds their practice separate from the varsity team and they have to juggle their schedule around junior

varsity and varsity.

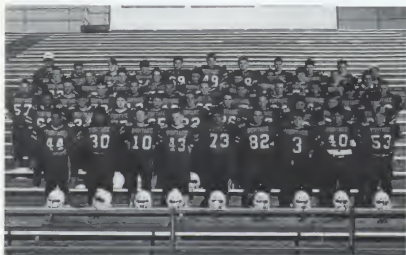
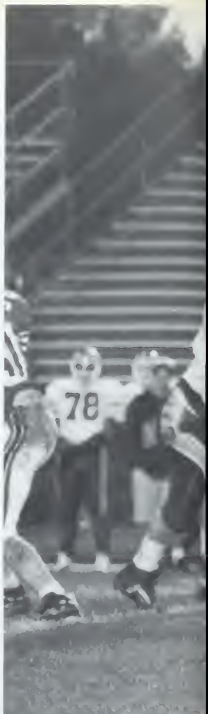
Freshman Ryan Bonner said, "Playing freshman football was fun because there was no pressure and we were all out there to have fun."

Freshman Pete Shaw said, "We had a really good season this year. We only lost two games but most people wouldn't know that because nobody goes to our games."

Freshman Carlo Hernandez said, "The best part about freshman football was the fun we all had practicing and just doing things as a team."

Although the freshman and junior varsity football teams may not get as much publicity as the varsity football team does, they still play to win every game and still compete to the best of their abilities. When they finally reach the varsity level then they will know what it is like to look up in the stands and see over 7,000 people packed in the stands. It is a feeling no one could ever forget and it is well worth the wait.

...Steve Christian



Freshman Football Row 1: Jose Torres, Steve Lago, Jason Nelson, Ryan McNiffly, Joaquin Bedolla, Booby Richards, Jamie McDowell, Chris Gill, Brian McWilliams. Row 2: Tony Molina, Jeff Camp, Bryan Warchas, Will Connor, Phil Frechette, Shaun Washnevsky, Joe Malik, Jon Russell, Marc Royce, Jeff Fuerst. Row 3: Jeremie Cadle, Scott Miser, Matt Yoder, Carl Baerghar, Rashad Ibrahim, Kristopher Hoffenb, Bob McKinney, Ryan Brown, Aaron Lowe, Scott Moeth, Jason Crownover. Row 4: Jeremy Lewis, Andy Ritau, John Price, Mike Torres, Pete Shaw, Matt Albreton, Casey Hawthorn, Frank Crowley, Kraig Schreff, Tony Ballor. Row 5: Coach Jay Hodges, Carlo Hernandez, Rob Lukash, Nick Chapman, Ryan Lang, Matt Anderson, Ryan Bonner, Doug Samuel, Elijah Armes, Jason Rice, Coach Mark Harsha.



JV Football Row 1: Karl Nagy, Kevin Hillely, Arthur Torrez, Matt Moore, Don Heymig, Tom Sosa, Scott Curran. Row 2: Eric Christy, Bill Knapp, Tom Boney, Ian Pittman, Russ Simola, Ryan Gabey, Jason Marcotte. Row 3: Sean Connors, Jeremy Putman, Pete Hernandez, Justin Smith, Sonny Armatto, Nick Wellman. Row 4: Chris Hillely, Sean Walker, Mike Jaso, Kevin DeVries, Eric Christy, Coach Phil Wright.



After dodging a Michigan City defender, sophomore Nick Wellman throws one deep to an Indian receiver. Wellman threw for two touchdown passes that night.

Sophomore Ryan Gabey hands the ball off to teammate Scott Curran, sophomore. Curran ran for four touchdowns as the junior varsity team went on to win 36-7.



Turning on the speed, freshman Steve Lugo runs a sweep around the end and up the sideline attempting to pick up the first down.

Freshman Carlo Hernandez kicks the ball deep as his teammates sprint to catch up. The freshman team ended their season at 6-2.

Senior Jeff Kennedy calls out the audibles to the front line changing the play. Although the Indians went on to lose, they got their revenge in the Sectional Championship beating the Vikings, 21-7.

Varsity Record: 8-4

PHS	OPP	PHS	OPP
28 Lake Central	21-49	Chessteron	0
35 LaPorte	12	Sectionals	
20 Merrillville	10-21	M.C. Rogers	0
21 Crown Point	24-42	Mishawaka	12
30 M.C. Rogers	6-21	Valparaiso	7
16 Hobart	26	Regionals	
14 Valparaiso	21-14	Lake Central	35



Senior Dan McWhirter looks for running room as he gets help from junior David Ortiz and sophomore Joey Christian. McWhirter went on to become the school's all-time rushing leader.

The Indians offensive line attempts to get a surge on the Valpo defense while senior Steve Christian pushes forward for a few extra yards.



Die For The Indians

A group of seniors set out to change the reputation of Portage High School football with great leadership and dedication to the program.

There is not much sympathy for those at the top and that is exactly what the 1993 Varsity football team found out.

After defeating Merrillville, 20-10, the Indians jumped up to fourth in the AP poll state rankings. Nevertheless, their stay at the top was brief because the Crown Point Bulldogs knocked them off the top a week later with a 24-21 upset at the Indians home field. Yet, the team fought back and continued to stay in the top ten throughout the rest of the season.

Senior Kurt Mattix said, "I think after we beat Merrillville we thought we were indistructible. After playing Crown Point we were brought back down to reality. Everybody thought that Crown Point would just fall over and die because we

were ranked fourth. I just wish someone would have told them that."

Another travesty of the 1993 season was the fact the Indians lost a hard fought Homecoming, 21-14, to the Valparaiso Vikings. The game itself was played on a cold October evening in the middle of a rain-storm.

Senior Rolando Soto said, "Losing Homecoming was very hard because this was my senior year and I would liked to have won. It was our third Homecoming loss in a row and the seniors last chance to play in a Homecoming game."

One thing that was a problem was that the Indians had a hard time winning on their homefield. During regular season play, the varsity squad was undefeated on the road, yet only managed to win one regular season game at home.

Junior Casey Palichuk said,

"I don't know why we couldn't win at home, I guess our field was just jinxed."

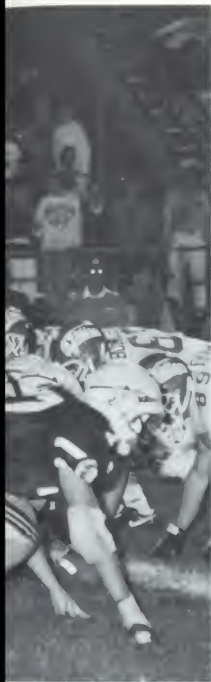
Then, on a snowy November evening, the Indians did something that a Portage High School football team had never done before, win a Sectional title. They got their revenge on Valpo by defeating them 21-7.

Senior Jamie Miles said, "When we won Sectionals, that was the best feeling I've ever had in my life."

Junior Joe Kovats said, "Winning the Sectionals felt just like winning the Superbowl. It was extra special because it was the first time for a Portage High School team."

The Indians ended up losing in Regionals to Lake Central, 35-14. Although it was a big disappointment, the team was still proud to be the first team to win a Sectional.

... Steve Christian



Row 1: Becky Deterline, Tanva Kirchner, Nate Burgess, Melissa Shibley, Ken Nickson, Vicki Cuello, Carl Morris, Nancy Williams, Cheryl Egan **Row 2:** Scott Curran, Karl Nagy, Jamie Miles, Kevin Hilley, Roger Peele, Dan Pagen, Bryan Dowd, Dan Scholten, Tom Sosa, Don Heying, Elmore Mandell, Rolando Soto, Art Torrez **Row 3:** Kurt Mattix, Pete Shoppers, Jerome Lovall, Mike Russo, Chris Truman, Russ Sencola, Ryan Buragans, Chris Spurrer, Jeff Chadwick, Jeremy DeHaven, Kent Fisher, Head Coach Kurt Mattix, Dan Merrill, Coach Craig Buzza, Coach Steve Livingston, Sean Walker, Chris Hilley, Mike Jaso, Eric Wiseman, Dan McWhirter, Coach Phil Wright, Coach Pete Turps, Coach Dave Mattix, Coach Terry Milner **Row 4:** Damon Johnston, Jan Priaman, Sonny Armas, David Bullington, Joe Kovats, Dave Skolak, Jeff Kennedy, Casey Palichuk, Kevin DeVries, Paul Ballor, Eric Christy, Shawn Stutler **Row 5:** Joe Claren, Ryan Burton, Justin Smith, Tony Castillo, Cruz Roudale, Joe Christian, Nick Wellman, Shawn Connors, Mike Little, Dan Stamper, David Ortiz, Steve Christian **Row 6:** Marty Castillo, Bill Knapp, Dustin Nelson, Jim McMurray, Tom Bovee, Ryan Gabey, Matt Moore, Ryan Brees, Jeremy Patman, Chris Schaefer



7 Junior David Ortiz looks for a flag after being hit by a Valparaiso defender while going up for a pass. The Indians went on to lose their Homecoming, 21-14.

Smashing Together

The volleyball team went to Challenge Ed this season to learn how to work better as a team. The results at the end of the season proved that their hard work finally paid off.

Leaving a Spalding tattoo on somebody's face sounds like a blast, but for the freshman and JV volleyball team it was a lot of hard work and dedication.

For some, the hardest part of volleyball was getting ready for the season. "The hardest thing in volleyball was summer conditioning. We ran five days a week and couldn't even touch a volleyball for a month," sophomore Liz Garner said.

"I think that the hardest part of the season was keeping up my grades because I didn't want to concentrate on my schoolwork," sophomore Erika Murrow said.

The main part of a team is the team itself because they all have to work together to be good. Some players feel that they had poor unity then pulled together after a certain experience, but after that, their hard work finally paid off in the

end.

"After we went to Challenge Ed the team kind of pulled together more because we had to learn to cooperate with each other," Erika said.

Freshman Melissa Lilly agreed, "I felt that after we went to Challenge Ed that the team was a bit closer to each other than before."

Freshman volleyball coach Mrs. Clara Lilly said, "Since this is their first year playing on the same team they had to get to know each other a little bit and that is exactly what they did."

Along with the hard work comes unforgettable moments. It seems that there is one moment that nobody wants to forget. "The moment that sticks out in my head the most is when Erika Murrow served the ball during a time out. The referee blew the whistle and she thought it was for her so she served the ball into an empty court and the

whole team was laughing. She was so embarrassed," Liz said.

"Since this was my first year as coach this will be my special year. I use to help out in the past but I never was the head coach," Mrs. Lilly said.

Some players feel they have to improve for next year to take them to a higher level.

"I have to improve on my passes because they weren't as good as I wanted them to be," Melissa said.

While many people have different thoughts about PHS volleyball, some words that came to the players minds were: strong season, challenging, fun, great program, attitude and most important, works as a team.

...Jason Alaniz



Freshman Volleyball-Front Row: Tiffany Jones, Jill Kozrowski. Row2: Manager Cindy York, Rachael Dally, Brandi Diceare, Marissa Anderson, Manager Wendy York. Back Row: Crystal Cannon, Amanda Cichowicz, Coach Clara Lilly, Heather Campbell, Carina Simmons.

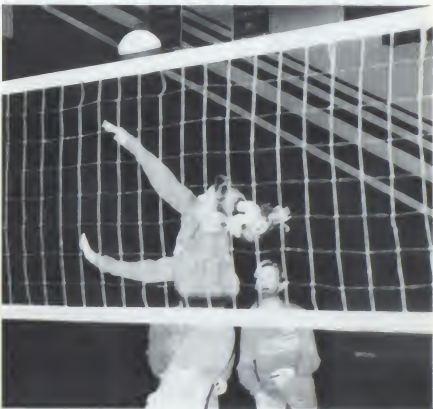


JV Volleyball-Front Row: Mary Mazurek, Jessica Hufford, Cindy Hatala, Missy Lilly, Christy Raminan. Back Row: Coach Terry Vitetoe, Lizzie Garner, Shana Pollock, Jenene Slatford, Erika Murrow.



Freshman Tiffany Jones serves the ball to begin the match against Munster. Tiffany helped the freshman team defeat Munster with ease in the first two matches with scores of 15-5 and 15-8.

The freshman volleyball team and the opposing team congratulate each other after playing a good game. The volleyball teams went to Challenge Ed to learn how to work together as a team.



Freshman Cindy Hatala skillfully bumps the ball over the net during a game. The team defeated Valpo in the first two matches with scores of 15-3 and 15-10.

Sophomore Jenene Stafford stands by as sophomore Mary Mazurek spikes the ball over the net. The team lost their first match to LaPorte with a score of 5-15 but came back to defeat them in the next match with a score of 15-8.



ing for the kill, junior Angela

McWhirter smashes the ball past diving opponents while junior Lori Bonez watches on.

Varsity Record: 10-21

PHS	OPP	PHS	OPP
0	Bishop Noll	2	Merrillville
2	Morton	0	Highland
2	Marquette	0	Lowell
2	Washington	0	Crown Point
Elston Tournament		0	KV
2	Marquette	1	Lake Station
1	Highland	2	Chesterton
0	Elston	0	St. Joseph
2	West Side	0	Wheeler
0	Elston	1	MC Rogers
Chesterton Tournament		0	Valparaiso
0	Chesterton	2	West Side
0	Munster	2	Hobart
2	Gavit	0	Gavit
0	Lake Central	2	Sectionals
0	Andean	2	Valparaiso



7 junior Lori Bonez gets set to serve up a point against Kankakee Valley. The Lady Indians ended their season against Valparaiso in Sectional play.



5 senior Susan Dicken Launches the ball deep into Kankakee Valley's backcourt. The Lady Indians went on to lose the hard fought series 0-2.



Striving to Achieve Goals

Lack of experience was made up for throughout the season by the sheer desire to win and the team comraderie showed on and off the court.

This season proved to be a good year for the young, but talented Lady Indians. This was a transitional year in which only one of the varsity members was a senior. Yet, the team never gave up being as inexperienced as they were and fought hard throughout the season.

Senior Susan Dicken said, "It was hard being the only senior because I had to assume the leadership role on the team. Also, there was more pressure than usual because everyone expects you to take charge out on the court."

Many of the players learned that they had to grow up in a hurry, filling in for the assumed roles of the graduated seniors. This made the underclass team members realize they had to work a lot harder to beat other school's varsity teams which were made up of mostly seniors.

Junior Kim Nusbaum said, "This year was sort of a learning

year for a lot of us. Most of us had never played at all on the varsity level. We had to jump right from a lower level of competition to the highest level of competition. I think we did all right though."

Junior Vanessa Vargas also said, "I think that the season was very good, considering our team was made up of mostly juniors."

The ability to work well as a team is an important factor when playing a sport and that was definitely one of the strengths of the Lady Indians. They could sense each other on the court and they knew each other's strengths and weaknesses. Most of the players would attribute that to the team being such good friends outside of volleyball.

Junior Mandy Miotke said, "I think the team really plays well together because we are all such good friends. We all have known each other pretty much all of our lives. We hang out with each other and are always doing things together."

Junior Lori Bonez went on to say,

"We may not have won as many games as we would have liked, but next year we are going to be unstoppable. Almost our whole team will be made up of seniors. Next year will be a big year for us. Hopefully we can go further than any other team has gone before."

Sectional play also proved to be tough on the Lady Indians because they failed to advance past the first round. Susan Dicken said, "I wish we would have gone further in the playoffs, it would have been nice to win sectionals and maybe go further."

Some people might say that it is no fun playing a sport unless the team is a championship team. Although the varsity volleyball team were not state champs, they never gave up on their season and came ready to play every game. Best of all, they made a lot of good friends throughout the course of the season.

... Steve Christian



Junior Mindy Witt gets low for the ball attempting to set up the front line for the spike as senior Susan Dicken looks on.



Front Row: Shawna Hess, Denise Lilly, Christie Lovings, Mandy Miotke, Manager, Carmen McKee. Row 2: Manager Don VanCarla, Kim Nusbaum, Hannah Marcinkovich, Lori Bonez, Vanessa Vargas, Manager Jeremy Dwyer. Back Row: Head Coach Cheryl Girman, Kelly Knapp, Mindy Witt, Susan Dicken, Missy Fekete, Angela McWhirter, Manager Chad Franks.

Raising A Racquet

After going undefeated in the Duneland Conference, and placing first at sectionals and regionals, the team ended their season at semi-state with a loss against Elkhart Central.

There are ups and downs in every sport, but this year the boys' tennis team seemed to go nowhere but up by finishing the season with an undefeated record, winning conference, sectionals and regionals.

But as the saying goes, what goes up must come down. The team lost a heartbreaking match against a talented Elkhart Central team, finishing their season at semi-state. The team tried hard to win the match and noticed all the team effort that was put forth to do their very best to get to State Competition.

John Smith, senior, said, "I was very disappointed over our loss at semi-state. We thought we could win but we didn't."

Despite the unexpected loss at semi-state, the team still finished an excellent season which was highly improved from the year before.

"Last year we were a very

young and inexperienced team but we made up our minds to play as hard as we could throughout the winter, spring and summer and we made it our goal to reach semi-state," Tom Kaminski, junior, said.

Jon Lukowski, senior, said, "I think we did so well this year because we worked so much harder than other teams. Our whole team paid to play indoors so that we could practice over the winter."

Jeremy Caimens, junior, said, "We had a really good team this season with a lot of talent."

Some members of the team knew what was in store for them before the season even started, while others were still shocked by the reality of doing so well.

John said, "I wasn't really surprised that the team went undefeated because we knew what kind of competition was out there and we anticipated all of it."

Tom said, "In a way we were surprised that we did so well this

year. It was our goal to reach semi-state and when we finally got there we kind of just looked around and thought, 'Wow, we're really here.' It was still a shock."

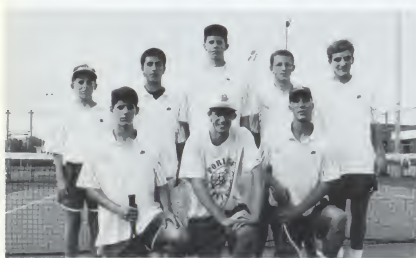
Even though the team did so well this year, there are still certain things they know that they need to work on.

Jeremy thought that the team needed to work on consistency. "Sometimes we play really good in some matches and then not so good in others. We need to play good all of the time."

Erik said, "The competition wasn't as intense here as it was in semi-state so we need to work on everything to get better. We were good but we were not perfect."

After a season full of achieving goals, the boys' tennis team is determined to have another great season with a goal to win at semi-state and to go on to hopefully win state competition.

...Amy James



Varsity Tennis- Front Row: Cliff Barnett, John Smith, Erik Taylor. **Back Row:** Joe Gabey, Jon Lukowski, Justin F. Smith, Geoff Hatfield, Tom Kaminski.



JV Tennis- Front Row: Chad Pio, Nick Patel, David Casillas, Chris Huerta, Justin Wisniewski, Jeff King. **Row 2:** Carey Ackerman, Joe Hunt, Scott Gerbick, Jeremy Caimens, Jac Rhea, Mike Nemeth. **Back Row:** Nathan Henson, Brian Minick, Jeff Lay, Eric Mason, Billy Swerdon, Jason Manna.



John Smith, senior, smiles as he realizes that his hit was good and that he won his match. John helped the team to a first place victory at sectionals and regionals.



Varsity Record: 16-1					
PHS		OPP	PHS	OPP	
5	Bishop Noll	0	4	Lafayette	1
5	M.C. Elston	0	3	Merrillville	2
5	Highland	0	4	South Bend	0
4	Andrea	1	5	Sectionals	
5	Hobart	0	5	N. Judson	0
5	Valparaiso	0	5	Valparaiso	0
5	Chesterton	0		Regionals	
5	M.C. Rogers	0	4	Merrillville	1
3	LaPorte	2	3	LaPorte	2
4	Crown Point	1		Semi-State	
5	W. Lafayette	0	1	Elkart Central	4



Junior Erik Taylor volleys the ball over the net during a match in hope of scoring a point to defeat his opponent. The team finished the season with an undefeated record.

Junior Jeff Lay dives for the ball during a match. Despite all of the team's hard efforts, they ended the season at semi-state with a loss against Elkart Central.

2 Junior Nate Watson practices his stroke on the first hole at Robbinhurst Golf Course. Watson is a two year letter winner for the varsity golf team.



5 Sophomore Christina Timmons makes her way through the Robbinhurst course hoping to find the ball she just hit. Timmons hopes to be a member of the varsity golf team next year.

7 Junior Amy Ramian practices her drive before the meet at the Robbinhurst driving range. Ramian is a member of the junior varsity golf team.



Putting for Success

The boys and girls golf team fell short of the state championship but used their ability to make tough putts and even tougher chip shots to surprise a lot of their competition

As a confident golfer begins the swing, a yell of "FORE!" rang aloud. While watching the airborne ball land on the green, a smile of victory arose from the player whose teammates were running toward him to give thanks because he shot the winning putt.

The smell of fresh grass in the afternoon, getting to ride in a golf cart or driving the ball hard enough to get it over that pond may be the reasons some enjoy the competitive sport of golf.

Jenny Babjak, junior, said, "I like to play because golf is more of an individual sport and it doesn't require a lot of physical strength."

Some people really do not know why they tried out for golf. Others tried out just to be in a school activity and to get recognition for certain accomplishments.

Kellie Poe, junior, said, "I've been interested in it because my dad has always played. Also, it's different from other sports and it gives the players a physical break."

Bringing out the glass jars and placing them around the house to practice playing golf could be a way

to prepare for this game on a mental basis.

"I don't prepare for a golf game that much. I figure it this way, that this is a game of golf and I have to just go out on the field and do the best I can," replied Andrew Elderkin, freshman.

However, Nate Watson, senior, said, "I begin by reading passages from Stevie Ray Vaghn's autobiography. I use his problems and the way he solves them in my game. I think of each hole, think of which area to hit to be safe and I think of the best place to miss if I have to."

Receiving a team trophy for being the best, making friends that are reliable or taking the teammates to their final victory could be some accomplishments a student can be proud to achieve.

Liz Negron, freshman, said, "The one thing I'm proud of so far is that I lettered this year in golf."

Excellent determination, unique team strategy or just having a lucky streak could be different things involving those golf players that are challenging the the PHS golf team in their success.

"Valparaiso has been the most challenging. We played them at home without two of our best golfers. Some kids who lacked experience did have the determination to step up and perform. Players who are willing to do their best possess the qualities to make a strong team," Nate said.

Also agreeing with Nate, Glenn Ballor, junior, said, "Valpo High has been the hardest to play against and they've always managed to beat us within 3 or 4 points."

Many golfers know how hard it is to become the best and know what it takes to get to that goal.

Jenny said, "Try to play as much as you can over the summer because at times this game gets competitive."

Liz replied, "When you're on the golf green you need to be serious and while practicing you have to be able to control the frustration. If you don't, you'll have definite lack of concentration."

As the golf team walked past their opponents, they thanked them for playing a good game, then pranced off the playing field with happiness in their eyes.

...Kerry Kubeck



Boys Golf Front Row: Andrew Alderson, Bill Swardon, Larry LaFlower, Mark McKim, Todd Roberts. **Row 2:** Glenn Ballor, Brian Ringer, Dave Wigaman, Nate Watson, Rich Morgan, Joel Alderson, Doug Plinovich, Dan Snow.



Girls Golf Front Row: Kellie Poe, Kim Piper, Jennifer Rackenwall, Elizabeth Negron, Sarah Zimmerman, Sonja Sturgess, Jaime Keeling, Amy Ramian. **Row 2:** Jill Biodrowski, Jennifer Babjak, Lisa Fun, Heather Price, Misty Otsfall, Christina Timmons, Elizabeth Johnson, Coach Tom Mitakovic.

A Road To Victory

After a victorious undefeated season, first place victories at conference, sectionals, regionals and semi-state, the team placed second at the state meet with three team members making All-State.

Running miles everyday in the wind, rain and sometimes snow does not sound like America's favorite past time but to the boys' cross country team, nothing sounds better.

Byron Clouse, senior, said, "My favorite parts of being in Cross Country are the meets and the competition."

Nathan Pickett, sophomore, said, "Racing is my favorite part of Cross Country."

"Being with the team and all of the excitement at the meets was my favorite part of being on the Cross Country team," freshman Chris Westerkamp said.

Along with all of the team's favorite parts of cross country, there were a few things that the team didn't look forward to.

Chris said, "The hardest part for me was running on my own on Sundays."

Josh McCormack, junior, said, "It was really hard being injured in mid-season, I hated not being able to run with all of the guys."

Going through all of that hard work there had to be something that kept the team going to have finished such a strong season.

Josh said, "I loved it when the team was together and in full strength. It was like that when we ran against Carmel at all of the invites and at the state meet."

There was a lot of mental preparation to get ready for all of the competition during the season for the team to get as far as they did.

"I parachuted from an airplane 20,000 feet in the air with only a newspaper and an umbrella," Josh jokingly replied.

The team members agreed that a good sense of humor was essential to endure all of the hard work throughout the season.

Josh said all joking aside, "Before a meet I try to visualize the course in which the team would be running and plan how the race may possibly go and then I would prepare myself for the race."

With all of the mental preparation

and hard work, there were memorable moments that the members of the team will never forget.

Byron said, "The best part of the season for me was the New Prairie Invite because that was where I scored for my team."

"The state meet stuck out in my mind the most because it was really sad watching the team lose to Carmel. The team basically knew before we got there that the race would be between Portage and Carmel. We were still proud that we got second place though because we ran to the best of our ability and that was what really counted," Nathan said.

With a perfect season record along with first place victories at conference, sectionals, regionals and semi-state and a strong second place finish at the state meet, the boy's Cross Country team moves on to finish another strong season hoping to recapture the state championship.

...Amy James



Boys Cross Country - Front Row: Mike Foley, Brian Bauer, Tom Taylor, Tim Galati, Scott McDonald, Jeff Fain, Chris Westerkamp, Steve Cook. **Row 2:** Dustin Sandoval, Bryon Clouse, Tuan Nguyen, Dan Allen, Byron Chandler, Ken Crews, Josh McCormack. **Back Row:** Frank Essig, Jeremy Connor, Ruben Perez, Alan Kane, Terry Wampler, Nick Morris, Nathan Pickett, Paul Chandler, Cory McCammon, Rob McKay, James Brasseur, Nick Munoz, Coach John Kappes, Coach Bill Wilke.



The boys' cross country team warms up together before a meet. The team placed first at conference, sectionals, regionals and semi-state. The team also placed first at all of the invitations except the Culver Invite which Carmel, the state champions, won.



Mr. Forrest Rhode, principal, presents the boys' cross country team with the second place state trophy. The team placed first at semi-state but second at the state meet.

Varsity Records: 9-0

PHS

W Penn Hokum Kaum
W Lake Central
W Merrillville
W LaPorte
W Crown Point
W New Prairie
W Chesterton
W M.C. Rogers
W Valparaiso
W Hobart
South Rebel Invite
1st
Rensselaer Invite
1st

OPP

Manchester Invite
2nd
Duneland Conference
1st
Chesterton Pre-sectional
1st
Sectional
1st
Regional
1st
Semi-State
1st
IHSA State Meet
2nd



Josh McCormack warms up before the Duneland Athletic Conference meet. Josh helped lead the team to a first place victory by making the all conference team.



Senior Byron Chandler keeps his pace during the state meet. The team placed second at state while Byron made the all-state team.



Junior Michelle Oliveira begins to sprint toward the finish line. Michelle helped the team to an undefeated season by placing in all of the meets.

Varsity Record: 9-0

PHS

15	Merrillville	50
28	Chesterton	29
21	M.C. Roger	39
26	Valparaiso	30
23	Hobart	32
Penn Hokum Karen		
	2nd	
	Rebel Invite	
	1st	

OPP

Conference

3rd

Sectionals

3rd

Regionals

4th

Semi-State

4th

State

10th



Jophomores Jessica Hutchins and Michelle Revoir warm up with Coach Jay White before a Valpo meet. The team defeated Valpo with a score of 26-30.

The team huddles together one last time to wish each other good luck before the state meet. The team placed 10th at the meet.

A Change Of Pace

The girls Cross Country team ran a consistent season by placing third at conference, sectionals and regionals and going on to semi-state to place fourth, then placing tenth at state

Extra miles put in over the summer, long distressing practices in cold or hot unbearable weather, along with going to bed early on Friday nights to be ready to run bright and early on Saturday mornings were all tasks of being on the girls Cross Country team.

Mr. John White, girls Cross Country coach said, "I thought that the hardest part of the season for the girls was putting in all of the time and miles by getting up at 6 a.m. during the summer to practice and running everyday after school. They also made a lot of sacrifices by going to bed early on Friday nights and that meant missing most of the football games because we had a lot of meets and invitationals on Saturday mornings."

Emily Frechette, junior, said, "The hardest part of the practices for me was when we ran beats. That was when the team would be running on the road and Mr. White would drive along side of us in his car and then whenever he would beep his horn we would have to sprint until he said stop."

There was a lot of physical preparation during all of the practices but there was also a lot of mental preparation as well.

Kristen Cunningham, junior, said, "I would concentrate really hard about what I would have to do before the meet and then I would do the best I could and try to run to the best of my ability. It was also hard keeping yourself motivated especially when you had a lot on your mind because it was hard thinking about only the upcoming race without getting to nervous or stressed out."

Emily said, "I always tried to stay positive before a meet. I really didn't think about anything so my mind would stay a blank so then I couldn't think about anything that would make me nervous. Before a race I would just try to go through the warm up drills robotically, trying not to think about anything so that I could relax myself."

Other than running and competing there were also other aspects of being in Cross Country that the team looked forward to.

"The best part of the season for me was having fun with my friends when the whole team went to Indiana Beach," Kristen said.

"I really looked forward to spending a lot of time with the team because we were all really close," Emily said. "The invites that we went to were all a lot of fun too."

There had to be some sort of reward for the girls Cross Country team to endure all of the long, strenuous practices that they had all summer and throughout the season.

"I think that the entire team was happy that we made it to state because we didn't the year before," Kristen said. "That was our main goal and we achieved it."

"All of my hard work finally paid off when I placed first at conference," Emily said. "Right after semi-state was really great also because that was when the team found out that we qualified for state."

After a tough season the girls Cross Country team begins to prepare for another season, which the team hopes will be more successful than before.

...Amy James



Girls Cross Country-Front Row: Kristen Cunningham, Jessica Hutchins, Beth Kozrowski, Kelly Clouse, Amanda Palmateer, Michelle Revoir. **Row 2:** Angie Zolkowski, Michelle Olivencia, Cristina Chandler, Yvette Menendez, Megan Edmonds. **Row 3:** Amber Ruyter, Kim Cipich, Kortney Reynolds, Emily Frechette. **Back Row:** Carrie Stout, Coach Jay White, Tracy Szostek.



7 Just before a race, the Cross Country team warms up by going through all of the warm-up drills. The team placed third at conference, sectionals and regionals and fourth at semi-state. The team had a change of pace by qualifying for state and then finishing in the top ten.

Future Stars

Stars shine in the eyes of all the boys' freshman and 7-V basketball players as they envision themselves competing against the best players in NW Indiana

Every year dozens of young men try out for the varsity team. However, only a handful of them make it to the top. The rest are either cut from the team altogether or are part on the junior-varsity team. The J.V. and Freshman teams are just a stepping stone on the way to the top.

Sophomore Mike Tifford said, "I play because it is fun. I like to try out and see if I can make it."

Sophomore Tom Bonez said he loves the game. Tom also stated that another reason is the competition. "Competing against the other players and teams help push me harder. It also makes me 100% effort all the time."

Love for the game is not enough to win. It also takes practice. The training of a sport is always the hardest part. It is also very demanding.

"All the running drills are the worst," sophomore Jason Hallenbeck said. "There are a lot of drills at the beginning to get you

into shape fast."

"Trying to push yourself 100% is so hard," junior Dave Platt stated. "At every practice, everyday it feels as though you can't give anymore but you find away and do it."

In addition to being demanding, practices are also one of the most common disliked points of basketball.

"How you get treated," Mike said, "If you get into trouble, you are so much more accountable because we are athletes it is more notable then."

Even though some have a few dislikes, others have none. Most of the players agree on that point. Although, many disliked the practices.

On the other hand, a lot of the players said if that it wasn't for the coaches they would probably hate it even more. The coaches are an important influence on the players.

"Fisher is a great coach," Dave added. "He makes you work 100% the whole time. Even on the little things he pushes you. Buzea is also a good coach. He is very demanding

and pushes you to the limit."

Nick Wellman, sophomore, agreed. "Fisher makes you work hard. Especially on small details. They (the coaches) are always pushing on you."

The coaches also help motivate the players. Each player has that something special to motivate them. At every game they are there to help.

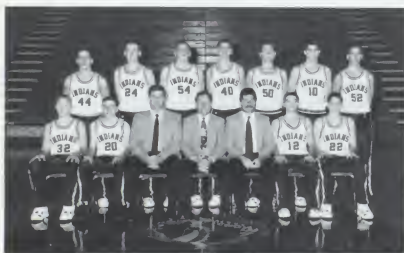
Tom added, "Other teams motivate me. I love to play the teams I can't stand. The hate makes me want to beat them more."

Teammates become like family to the players. They spend hours together learning what each can do. Each player must trust the others and also be their friends.

"Everybody strives for the same goal. Everybody wants to win and become number one," Nick added.

Although some will make varsity and other will stay where they are at, they will all do their best. They will always be a team. Whether they meet in college, the pros or a backyard court, they will be teammates.

... Brian Graves



J-V Boys Basketball Row 1: Nat Henson, Tom Bonez, Coach Jay Hodges, Coach Greg Fisher, Coach Craig Buzea, Joe Giangulio, Mike Tifford. **Row 2:** Nick Wellman, Eric Christy, Jason Hallenbeck, David Platt, Gene Surprenant, Kevin DeVries.



Freshman Boys Basketball Row 1: Joe Marsh, Jason Nelson, Mike Wall, Jeff Fain, Tony Parrigan, Scott McDonald, David Torres. **Row 2:** Jordan DeHaven, Shaun Wisniewski, Alex Curiel, Carl Buerger, Mike Pickering, Jason Tokarchuk, Rashad Ibrahim. **Row 3:** Coach Tom Sanidas, Tom Smedley, Charlie Greer, Casey Hauswirth, Doug Samuel, Nick Shields, Dan Forney, Jeremy Lewis, Chad Pio, Coach Bob Mallix.



 sophomore Jason Hallenbeck attempts to save the ball from going out-of-bounds while sophomore teammates Nick Wellman and Tom Bonez look on.

 sophomore Gene Supernaut grabs the loose ball while sophomore teammate Kevin DeVries prepares to run down for the fast break. The Indians went on to win, 45-33.



 freshman Casey Hauswirth drives the lane for two points on a group of Highland defenders. The freshman Indians went on to lose the game, 38-29.

 freshman Scott McDonald puts pressure on the opposing player from Highland. The freshman team ended their season at 8-10.

 Senior Erich Strausbaugh tries to prevent a Chesterton player from scoring in the first game of sectionals. The team was defeated by Chesterton with a score of 46-54.

Varsity Record: 9-12

PHS	OPP	PHS	OPP
50	Munster 34	55	Chesterton 66
43	Lowell 35	51	Valparaiso 66
71	M.C. Elston 76	42	Merrillville 52
54	Calumet 41	68	Morton 51
60	Lake Central 49	51	Hammond 66
60	Lake Station 44	52	Lafayette 73
50	Crown Point 73		Sectionals
60	Kankakee 59	46	Chesterton 54
46	Merrillville 56		
77	M.C. Rogers 52		
56	Hammond 51		
49	Hobart 60		
53	LaPorte 64		
61	Highland 70		



 Sophomore David Reynolds looks frantically for a teammate to pass the ball to during the Winter Homecoming game against Chesterton. The team was defeated by Chesterton with a score of 55-66.

 Senior Kurt Mattix breaks away from a Lowell player as he prepares to score a point in the final seconds of the game to keep the lead. The team defeated Lowell with a score of 43-35.



Hard Nosed Kids

Battling through tough games and long practices, the boys basketball team stuck with the wins and the losses and finished what they thought to be a very successful season

It's the championship game with two seconds left on the clock and the team is down by two. He pulls up for a desperate three and the buzzer goes off while the ball is in the air. The crowd waits in silent anticipation and then swish, the crowd goes wild as the team wins the championship. This has become a realistic finish for some games and an attainable goal for others.

"Against Kankakee Valley I got an offensive rebound with one second left on the clock. I tipped it in and then I was fouled. I received a free throw with the score tied. I made the shot and we won," senior Kurt Mattix said.

Senior Ryan Fenters said that his highlight of the season was making four three-pointers in one game. However, senior Tom Berger mentioned that the team highlight that he remembered most was when Portage scored 42 points in the fourth quarter against Michigan City Elston.

Freshman Andy Berger said, "I'll always remember hitting my first shot in a varsity game."

On the other hand though, there were memories that all of the players

would like to forget. Some mentioned particular losses to teams that they should have beaten. Others mentioned simple losing streaks.

Andy said, "One time I stole the ball from the other team and started a fast break but I ended scoring for the other team."

Kurt said, "The hardest part of the season was admitting when I was wrong. It was really hard when we would lose a game and I knew that we could have won the game if I didn't make one of the mistakes that I did."

Senior Tom Berger said, "My most embarrassing moment was when I only scored one point against Chesterton."

All of the players agreed that their favorite aspect of basketball is the competition with other athletes.

The team also agreed with Tom when he said, "This team has very strong unity among it. We are all very close friends. Not only do we hang out together at practice but we get together after school and on weekends. I feel this makes us work better together on the court."

Even though the team is very

close, there are still some obstacles that they had to overcome.

"We need better communication on the court. We also need to play better as a team," senior Erich Strausbaugh.

Ryan added that the team has a height disadvantage compared to other teams because they are not as tall.

Most of the players started to play because they enjoy playing the game. Andy said, "I started to play because my parents wanted me to. At first I didn't like it but now I do."

"I started playing because it was a family matter. My brother and my cousins started playing so it was only natural for me too," Kurt said.

Tom said, "I started playing because the older kids in my neighborhood used to play all of the time. I tried it one time and I loved it so I stuck with it."

Although only two teams made it to the championship, every team was a winner. No matter how many games are won or lost, as long as 100% effort was put into every game, then everyone became a champion.

...Brian Graves



Coaches Greg Fisher, Jim Buzea and Jay Hodges look on hopefully with junior Erik Taylor and seniors Erich Strausbaugh and Tom Berger as the team prepares to score a point. The team finished the season with an overall record of 9-12.



Varsity Basketball-Front Row: Manager Jeff King, David Platt, Andy Berger, Coach Jay Hodges, Coach Greg Fisher, Coach Jim Buzea, Tom Berger, Bryon Clouse, Manager Ryan Fisher, Manager Scott Wilson. Back Row: Manager Vance Carlin, Craig Heldt, David Reynolds, Erich Strausbaugh, Matt Cullen, Erik Taylor, Kurt Mattix, Ryan Fenters, Manager Bryan Warchus.

Aspiring Dreams

The JV and Freshman girls basketball teams worked hard throughout their season to build good team unity and to reach their individual and team goals

Being like Mike is everybody's goal, but for the Freshman and Junior Varsity Girls Basketball teams their goals were not set as high as he could fly.

"Our main goal was to work well as a team and to have a winning season," freshman Heather Gish said. "I think that we all got along really well and we worked well as a team."

Throughout the season the JV team had its' ups and downs ending the season with an 8-10 record.

Sophomore Jennifer Buerger said, "Our team got along real well together. Most of the time our mistakes were just mental and that's why we lost. Our size was a big factor too. I was the center and I'm only 5'2".

While the team had some goals, so did individuals of the teams.

"My goal for the season was to become a good team leader. I not only became a team leader but I also brought the team together when it was rough," freshman Missy Lilly said.

"My goal was to improve on my overall shooting since it was not all that great this season. My other goal

was to get to know all my teammates," freshman Mary Mazurek said.

Michelle said, "My goal for the season was to do better than last year in all areas of the game including my attitude towards the game."

"My goal for next year is to be the best player that I can be and to keep improving in all areas," Heather added.

There are many different reasons why some people love the sport of basketball. Some live for the exhilarating rush of the game coming down to the last seconds and a single shot that could win it all, while others love the aspect of the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. For most, they just love the competition.

"The competition has to be the best part, really that goes for any sport. Just the fact that someone is trying to beat you, in a way it is a battle, but it gets really fun toward the end of the game," Heather said.

"The best part is playing in front of the home crowd, knowing the cheers are for you when you make a good shot or a nice pass," Mary said.

"My athletic ability in basketball

was so great on the playground when I was young so my mom told me to show them on the court," Missy said.

During the off-season, some will keep training and some will enjoy the time off from all the hard work, the running of the ladder, the coaches screaming and practice everyday after school.

"Really I won't have an off-season since I am in softball but I really do not mind since it keeps me in shape for the next season," Michelle said.

"I love the end of the season knowing that I could do what I want after school and not worrying about missing basketball practice," Mary said.

There were also some aspects of basketball that were hard during the season as well like being time consuming.

Some would think that the seasons were not as stellar as they wanted them to be, but overall, the season was a success in everyone getting along and working as a team.

.. Jason Alaniz



Freshman Basketball-Row 1: Tiffany Jones, Jill Kozrowski, Becky Elliott, Christine Kirincic, Kim Spoa. **Row 2:** Carina Simmons, Chisina Chandler, Tonia Ernhart, Stephanie Clark, Heather Campbell, Missy Lilly. **Row 3:** Coach Dawn Miller, Angela Zolkowski, Sarah Mahns, Becky Gorsich, Mary Collins, Joy Krejci, Coach Sharon Bronson.



JV Basketball-Row 1: Danette Rodriguez, Jennifer Buerger, Christy Ramian, Yvonne Jaime, Mary Mazurek, Heather Gish. **Row 2:** Cyndi Hatala, Angela McWhirther, Amanda Cichowicz, Kim Moseley, Amber Ruyter, Coach Sue Lipinski.



Sophomore Angela McWhirter struggles to get control of the ball from a LaPorte player. The team was defeated by LaPorte with a score of 43-49.



Freshman Tonya Ernhart skillfully passes the ball to another teammate during a game against M.C. Rogers. The team defeated Rogers with a score of 49-23.



Sophomore Kim Moseley scans the court for an open teammate in a game against Crown Point. The Lady Indians went on to defeat Crown Point with a score of 40-39.



Coach Sue Lipinski gives the team instructions during a time-out during a game. The team finished the season with an overall record of 8-10.

7 junior Kellie Poe prepares to score in the first game of sectionals against Chesterton. The team was defeated by Chesterton in a close game with a score of 57-62.

Varsity Record: 11-9

PHS	OPP	PHS	OPP
69	Gavit	22	55
45	Highland	36	58
35	Chesterton	37	41
33	Crown Point	46	36
66	Kankakee	48	
46	Merrillville	30	57
33	East Chicago	44	
34	Pendleton	44	
80	Hammond	45	
37	Hobart	47	
73	Morton	25	
45	Valpo	64	
76	Lake Station	8	
57	M.C. Rogers	43	



Sophomore Missy Fekete screams in frustration as she throws the ball out of bounds trying to keep it away from a Merrillville player. The team defeated Merrillville with a score of 46-40.

7 junior Kari Wiseman breaks past a Merrillville player as she attempts to score. Wiseman bounced back from knee surgery earlier in the year to come back and play for the Lady Indians.



Shooting For Team Unity

The girls varsity basketball team worked together the entire season to reach their goals and to build team unity while ending their season during the first game of sectionals

"The most disappointing moment of the year was when we lost to Chesterton in sectionals play, that was the seniors last game, I cried forever," sophomore Missy Fekete said.

That seemed to be the unanimous decision for the players as they saw their 20 point lead slowly drift out to sea and saw the end of the Girls Varsity Basketball season coming in over the horizon.

Sophomore Erika Murrow said, "When we were playing Chesterton in sectionals probably was the most disappointing moment. We had about a 20 point lead but they came back and we had a hard time catching them after that."

For some, the disappointing moment was team orientated but for junior Kellie Poe, it was an individual moment.

"It was when I hurt my foot before sectionals so I couldn't play, I was out for the last month," Kellie said.

Basketball is a team sport and to win the whole team must do their part. This year the players felt they had good unity as a team.

"Overall I felt the team got along together, we had some hard times but we got along with each other," freshman Cyndi Hatala said.

Each player feels certain aspects of the game are more important than others but all parts are important in some ways.

"My favorite part has to be passing. I feel it is more rewarding to make a good pass for a score than it is to score. You feel that you were an important part of the score," Kellie said.

"I love the competitive part of the game, it's just us versus the other team," Cyndi said.

"My favorite part is just going out and playing the game in front of all the people cheering for the team," Missy said.

Excelling in a certain sport takes time and practice and dedication to the sport. Many athletes start at an early age.

"I started when I was little playing with my brother, dad and grandfather they were all very active so it was easy to get started," junior Kari Wiseman said.

"When I was in fourth grade my

dad got me started in a youth league and I just kept with it," Kellie said.

This year there was a lone freshman on the team. Many would think a freshman would receive special treatment but that was not the case for Cyndi Hatala.

"It was not any different from any other team, they treated me like the other players. I was nervous at first but after I got to know them it was fine," Cyndi said.

Some players hope to carry their skills one step higher on to the collegiate level.

"I plan on playing in college, but I hope I get a scholarship. I really do not want to go to a big college but it should have a decent program," Missy said.

"I really don't know because I think my grades are more important, but I would love to play at the college level," Erika said.

Whether or not to play on a higher level is a difficult decision but for the Girls Varsity Basketball team they try to find a way to make a difficult decision as easy as possible.

...Jason Alaniz



Varsity Basketball-Front Row: Mary Mazurek, Missy Fekete, Kellie Poe, Jennifer Fisher, Mandy Miotke, Back Row: Coach Darryll Wilder, Kari Wiseman, Vanessa Murrow, Lesa Strausbaugh, Robynne Lute, Erika Murrow, Coach Renee Turpa.

coaches Renee Turpa and Darryll Wilder give instructions to the team during a timeout in the last quarter of a game against a tough team. The team finished the season with an overall record of 11-9.

Dead Man's Float

The boys' and girls' swim teams finished off very impressive seasons as they both placed third in sectionals and both set new school records during the season.

Life for someone on the girls' and boys' swim team is often exhausting at times. There are the morning practices before school which start at about 5:30 a.m. Then the swimmers practice after school until about 5:30 or 6 p.m. Also, if there is a swim meet, they may not get home until 8:30 or sometimes even 9 p.m. Life for the swim teams take a lot of extra effort and even a greater amount of dedication to meet all these demands of the team.

"Once the swimming season starts your life is pretty much ends at that point. There is so much hard work involved in the sport. Most people just think we swim around in a pool all day and make fun of us; but I would like to see them awake that early and in the pool at 5:30 a.m. swimming 2,000 yards each day," junior Connie Dicken said.

Sophomore Helena Golarz said, "The best part about being on the swim team is that we are all so close knit. We spend so much of our time together each and every day. That is exactly what makes us all become

such good friends."

Some of the highlights for the girls' team was the fact that three relay teams had the chance to compete in state competition.

Junior Sherry Stamper replied, "Competing in the state was an awesome experience. I just wish I could have won something down there."

"The competition at the state finals was totally awesome. It felt great just to be able to swim against the best in the state," senior Debbie Warren said.

The boys' swim team also had a great season. They finished third in the Duneland Conference and third at Sectionals.

Also, Head Swim Coach Ralph Mundt also reached a milestone by being named Coach of the Year for the first time in his career as a swimming coach.

Sophomore George Ferguson said, "I think it's great that he was named Coach of the Year because he does so much for us. He makes sure we keep our grades up and he does so much for us. He also tries to keep us out of

trouble. Some coaches wouldn't ever want to put the extra time like he does."

One of the highlights for the season was when sophomore Dave Warren broke the school record for the 100 meter back stroke.

Dave said, "It felt so good to break that record because that is something that I will remember for a long time. I just hope it is not broken anytime soon because I kind of like seeing my name on the wall for school records."

The most disliked area for the swimmers was the morning practices.

Senior Tony Galati said, "The only thing I didn't like about swimming was the morning, going to school all day and then having to go to practice after school. It really stressed me out."

Although the swim teams did not have the type of victorious seasons they would have liked to have, they still finished with a good record and broke a few school records along the way.

... Steve Christian



Boys' Swimming Row 1: Rich Fowble, Bill Mack, Tim Galati, Paul Gerald, Charles Fruehwirth. **Row 2:** David Czaplak, Tim Slankowski, Mike Nemeth, Scott Mochl, Tony Galati, Nathan Mundt. **Row 3:** Tim Bingham, Tim Senovic, Brian Rogers, Chad Huffman, George Ferguson, Chad Franks, Bill Hoffmann. **Row 4:** Donovan McKiddy, Josh Clouse, Chris Angle, Dan Paniaguas, Brad Skafish, Chris Fruehwirth.



Girls' Swimming Row 1: Christy Thompson, Lauren McCall, Soma Sato, Beth Klakowski, Helena Golarz, Dana Rogers, Brandie Rootow, Jennifer Loranice, Becky Easton. **Row 2:** Cari Horne, Theresa Hazzard, Megan Kelly, Corinne Cleland, Jacqueline VanVleet, Jan Klakowski, Kelly Cool, Amanda Surcky, Amber Vaudt. **Row 3:** Teresa Fee, Connie Dicken, Jenny Simonski, Bridgett Harsh, Sherry Stamper, Amy Dommick, Barbara Laci, Alicia Balazs. **Row 4:** Coach Mike Lupinski, Heather Hostetter, Debbie Warren, Jennifer Bauer, Melissa Szabo, Vicki Levan, Kane Ostering, Dave Warren.



sophomore Jenny Siminski breaks away from the pack while attempting to get the most out of every stroke. Siminski represented Portage at the state finals in Indianapolis.



swimming coach Mr. Lowe gives a few pointers to junior Chris Angle. The boys' swim team finished third in the Duneland Conference.



xploding off the starting block, junior Chad Huffman attempts to blow away the competition by being the first to hit the water.



reshman Dana Rogers mentally prepares herself for her dive in hopes of scoring a perfect 10.

Freshman Nikki Floyd goes through her floor routine before a meet. Nikki, along with senior Rebekah Brajcki and sophomore Nikki Gass, qualified for the state meet.

Varsity Record: 6-2

PHS	OPP	Portage Invite
109.8	Hobart 97.8	1st
104.9	LaPorte 85.6	Muton Invite
110.5	Merrillville 101.9	2nd
111.4	Valpo 111.6	Conference
106	Crown Point 96	2nd
108	Lowell 98	Sectionals
110	Chesterton 111	2nd
108	M.C. Rogers 89	Regionals
		2nd



F junior Laura Weeks concentrates on her routine as she stretches before a meet. The gymnastics team broke the school record three times this year in their all around score.

F junior Jill Karner warms up for her floor exercise before the big meet against Valpo. The team finished the season with an overall record of 6-2.



Flipping For Success

The gymnastics team stayed dedicated throughout the season while putting in two to three hours of practices five days a week and giving up Saturday mornings for early meets

Practicing five days a week, working hard to compete against rival teams and sharing a close bond through team work were all qualities that made up the gymnastics team.

The gymnastics team consists of 18 girls who put in long hours of dedication and determination to be the best they can be through their routines.

The tryouts consist of doing skills in each event, vault, bars, floor and beam.

For the vault category the gymnast must know how to do a front handspring. For the beam category the gymnast must know how to do a front walkover. For the bars section of tournaments the girls must know how to do the splits. They should also have experience on the floor. For this category, the basics are to know how to do back handsprings, back tucks, the splits and leaps.

"I do all the categories, but the floor is my favorite because it's easy and sometimes it can be challenging," sophomore Gia Fonari said. "Hopefully I will make it to state next year."

"All the categories can get a bit tiresome, but if you put your mind to it and practice really hard you can succeed," Tina Fingerhoot, sophomore, said.

The girls practice two hours, five days a week and compete in tournaments mostly on Saturdays.

"The hardest thing is avoiding injuries and the workouts we do to perform for big rival teams, but the payoff is the team spirit we get from Portage fans and being with the team. Everyone is close and we all pull for one another," junior Emily Frechette added.

"It really helps when you're really exhausted from working perfecting your routine and you hear your teammates and the crowd cheering you on," junior Laura Weeks said.

"Every time I feel like I want to give up, some of the teammates keep me going and give me positive criticism to make me want to try harder," Gia added.

Along with the hard work and practice the girls put into a season, the girls will take something with them well after their high school

years are over.

"The first time I got my first eight in Chesterton I will never forget. I was so excited," Gia stated.

"Watching Rebekah and Julie at state it made me want to try harder," Emily added.

"The hard work and dedication the team has taught me to strive and do the best I can. That is one thing I will always remember about the team," junior Jill Karner said.

"A couple years back the team really wasn't all that close and it made me not like going out for the team. I think it really showed through are work in our meets, but I think we're getting better at working together," Laura said.

"If you're considering going out for the team, try your hardest and practice a lot," junior Cari Taylor said.

"Don't let anything get in your way, get involved and set your mind to it," Emily concluded.

The team finished a very respectable season ending with three team members at the state meet.

... Kelly Crowe



Gymnastics-Front Row: Cassie Richart, Becky Easton, Dana Rogers, Nikki Gass, Tina Fingerhoot, Jaclyn Repay, Kim Dudek, Nikki Floyd, Laura Weeks. Back Row: Coach Cassie Riley, Jennifer Bauer, Amber Riley, Michelle Sparks, Gia Fonari, Jill Karner, Cari Taylor, Emily Frechette, Rebekah Brackley, Megan Kelly, Coach Debbie Anselm.



Freshman Dana Rogers starts a back walkover on the beam during a meet. The team had a consistent season by placing second at conference, sectionals and regionals and sending three qualifiers to the state meet.

Undisputed Champs

Once again, the Portage High School wrestling team dominated the regular season by placing first in six tournaments and having an overall DAC dual record of 9-0

As the victorious wrestler feels his hand being raised in the air, he feels the satisfaction of knowing that all the hard work and training has paid off.

During the season the whole wrestling team felt the same satisfaction of victory after going undefeated in dual meets against rival Duneland Conference teams.

Varsity wrestling coach Mr. Larry Tharp said, "Situation wrestling was the part I concentrated on the most. We start them off in a certain position and they either have to escape or finish the move to establish points. It worked well because in some matches they found themselves in similar spots so they were familiar with what to do."

The starting line-up was made up of one freshman, one sophomore, eight juniors and three seniors. Many would consider that a young and rebuilding team but Mr. Tharp never once thought that it was anything but a championship team.

"We are never a rebuilding team, we are just improving from the year

before. We have a lot of younger kids that will do well in the future and we hope they will stick with it," he said.

Through the season the team placed first in three tournaments, went 9-0 in dual meets and won its' fourth straight sectional title. It also took its second straight regional title and took first at the Merrillville Semi-State meet. To cap things off, the team also won the Duneland Conference title for the second year in a row.

The junior varsity team also dominated the competition by placing first at many tournaments and going undefeated in dual meets as well.

Junior varsity wrestler Juan Hinajosa said, "It felt good seeing varsity winning all the time because we knew that we were part of it."

Senior Byron Chandler was undefeated throughout the entire regular season and all the way up to the Indiana State Finals held at Market Square Arena. He ended up being state runner-up and ending his senior year with only one loss.

Chandler said, "In a way I wish I had lost a few matches so I wouldn't

have had the pressure of losing my first match of the season. Yet, winning all the time is what made me work harder and kept me wanting to win more to become a better wrestler."

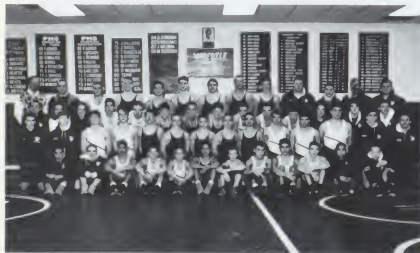
"Byron made you work hard, if he saw you slacking off, then he would tell you to pick up the intensity," sophomore Nick Munoz said.

Senior Brandon McKinney earned a third place finish in the 119 lb. weight class. In the previous year, McKinney finished eighth, making him the first wrestler to ever place at the state meet two years in a row for PHS.

McKinney said, "I might not have placed first in state, but being able to place in the top three is something I can tell my kids and grandkids when they grow up."

There is not much more that could be said for the PHS wrestling team. Their season record speaks for itself. Yet Coach Larry Tharp summed up his last remaining thoughts of the season by saying one word, "consistent."

... Jason Alaniz



Row 1: Jose Torres, Chris Mavroulakis, Izzy Deleus, Nick Munoz, Leroy Vega, Anthony Alaniz, Steve Cook, Carlyle Withersell, Juan Hinajosa, Kris Scherff, David Chavez, Joe Weak, Rene Z; Ryan Brown, Zack Murray, Tim Blinn, Robb Lukatski, Glenn Baller, Jacob Warner, Brandon McKinney, Jason Alaniz, Paul Chandler, Dan Schultz, Bobby McKinney, Ryan Lang, Shane Kelley, Carl Nagy, Row 2: Tony Baller, Jill Rzepka, Elizabeth Slaton, Jim Vernon, Dan Murray, Jason Dudley, Bryon Chandler, Roger Peete, Jeff Connell, Matt Moore, Matt Abernethy, Christina Smith, Nickie Corcor, Pete Shaw, Row 3: Coach Karl Lawson, Coach Larry Tharp, Jeremy Putman, Ryan Brower, Dan Bonta, Casey Paluchak, Chris Spurner, Ryan Banagan, Ian Pittman, Chris Truman, Phil Frechette, Coach Reno Banagan, Justin Potavich.



Senior Brandon McKinney slowly wears down his opponent while trying to get the pin. McKinney is the only Portage High school wrestler to place in state two years in a row.

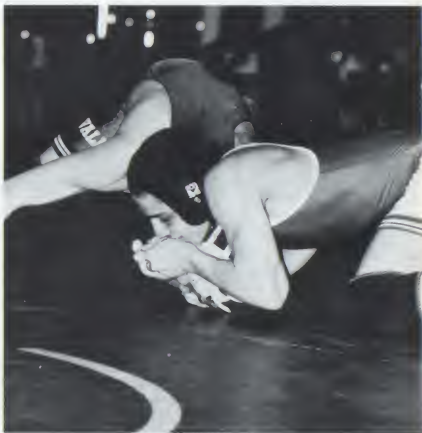


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reshman Juan Hinjosa wins the match against his Valparaiso opponent. Juan was the only freshman in the starting line-up.

Varsity Record: 9-0

PHS		OPP	Tournaments	Place
W	M.C. Rogers	L	I.C. Harvest Classic	2nd
W	Merrillville	L	Calumet Classic	3rd
W	LaPorte	L	Kokomo Invite	1st
W	Valparaiso	L	Chesterton Tourney	1st
W	Chesterton	L	DAC Tourney	3rd
W	M.C. Elston	L	Culver Military	1st
W	Hammond	L	Sectional	1st
W	Hobart	L	Regional	1st
W	Crown Point	L	Semi State	1st
			Final State Ranking	7th



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ophomore Nick Munoz struggles to flip his opponent on his back in order to get the pin. Munoz went on to pin his opponent and get the victory.

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enior Jason Alaniz drags his opponent down by the head, attempting to put the finishing touches on his opponent. Alaniz finished the regular season at 22-6.

Freshman Shaun Wishevski drives one deep into the gap bringing players to homebase. The freshman was DAC tourney champs.



Freshman Jason Hendrickson sits behind homeplate awaiting the delivery of the pitch. The freshman team placed 6-1 DAC.



Freshman Leroy Vega gets the signals from Head Coach Craig Buzca. The JV placed first in the Duneland Conference.

Sophomore Robert Ozbolt applies the tag to a LaPorte baserunner. The junior varsity finished with a record of 21-5.



Minor League Baseball

They may just be a little smaller than the varsity players, but the JV and Freshmen team proved themselves to be just as big when it came to the nitty gritty.

Batter up! Those are the words a player awaits to hear as his turn to step up to the plate and do the best he can for his team approaches.

"I joined the team for the love of the game. Some people do not know what it is like to get a rush from winning," sophomore Paul Payne said.

Some of the reasons the boys tried out were not for the love; they tried out because of the love for the game.

"I have played baseball over since 'T' ball and I guess the game is in my blood and I joined because I liked to play," freshman Leroy Vega said.

Sophomore Bobby Ozbolt said, "I like baseball. I knew it was my sport because I knew it so well. I just enjoy the sport."

"I tried out for the team because I've been playing for eight years and also my closer friends went out for the team," Sonny said.

Freshman Jordan DeHaven replied, "I tried out for the Freshman team because I thought I could help out the team."

To be a good team and do the best they can, players feel that dedication, leadership and communication

are the important factors for the team.

"I think communication is what keeps us together. We learn to give better and accept more," sophomore Joe Giangulio said, "It makes us a better team."

"When you know when to give advice and when to accept it, makes us a better team," sophomore Sonny added.

"I like to play baseball. It's more of a relaxed atmosphere from football and wrestling," sophomore Scott Curran replied.

Over the years, the players have shared losses, plenty of victories and many hours of practice. They also had their share of strikeouts and homeruns, never letting it get them down.

"My best memory of the year was hitting the homerun to win the tournament against Merrillville," Scott added.

"I feel baseball is winning and losing as a team, not as an individual," Joe said.

"My worst memory was striking out way too much, like 13 times to be exact; and the best memory probably is when we beat Valparaiso in the

tourney," Sonny said.

"When everyone plays together, we know we were a team whether we won or lost," Bobby added.

"Baseball is great when you win, but getting up to practice at 5:30 a.m. is awful," Paul added.

"Everyone playing together makes a team a team. It's also easier to be a team without everyone tearing each other down," Scott added.

Bobby replied, "We are a team when we can get through the good times and the bad times, when we go through periods of fighting and then everyone makes up again, that's what a team is all about."

Sonny added, "The team must get along when they are together, that is a team. That even includes being the friend with other teammates of the field, also. Yes, you even have to be nice to the freshman players unfortunately."

Although they may not have a lot of cheering fans in the stands, they have come a long way. They may not be number one in the state, but they will always be known.

... Shelley Djurich & Kelly Coppinger.



JV Baseball Front Row: Joe Giangulio, David Curran, Leroy Vega, Jason Monacy, Row 2: Jeremy DeHaven, Jordan DeHaven, Robert Ozbolt, Tom Bonez, Scott McDonald. **Back Row:** Nick Wellman, Paul Payne, Jason Hallenbeck, Sonny Armato, Coach Craig Buzea.



Freshman Boys Baseball Front Row: Tony Parrigan, Steve Cook, Ezzy Elmo, Tony Blaszkiewicz, Jacob Mendez, Tim Pirowski. **Row 2:** Ernie Sasser, Steve Scheier, Shaun Wisniewski, Jason Hendrickson, Carl Buegler, John Price. **Back Row:** Coach Robert Parker, Jason Creech, Pete Shaw, Charlie Greer, Jason Sayer, Coach Mark Marvin.

"It's Outta Here Folks"

Boys Varsity Baseball Team ends the season on a positive note, puts an end to the season with a good record and seniors leave with lasting memories

Strikes, foul balls and homeruns. These are just some of the familiar words the varsity baseball team hear each day.

The team, which is made up of 18 of the best baseball players at PHS, works hard each day to win a victory for the school. Making it to the varsity team was an honor enough for each of the players because there were 40 who tried out.

"It not only takes physical ability but also mental strategy to make the game what it is," senior Erik Fancher said.

"It not only takes good speed or a good throwing arm, but also self-discipline and good concentration skills to make a good team," senior Jeff Chadwick added.

"The game itself makes it a challenge but the mental strategy as well as being physically fit are the real challenges," senior Dan Schultz stated.

The baseball team practices very hard throughout the season. Alone, the team practices two and a half hours a day and six days a week.

"It's a lot of hard work but the team unity and the close friendships makes it worth it. Everyone brings each other up when one of us are down," Jeff added.

"Since most of us has been together since little league, this year is what matters most. We've been through a lot together and this is really the last year we'll all be together," Erik said.

As each player is a unique individual, so is the way each prepares for a big game.

"I read the newspaper and concentrate on how I'm going to get a guy out," Erik said.

"I take it easy, relax and if something's bothering me I don't take it out on the field," junior Adam Bell said.

The teaching of a good coach makes a good team. The coach usually influences the team on positive ways to boost team morale.

"The coach has influenced us with words of encouragement and he's a major role model in each of our lives," Jeff added.

"He has taught us how to play the game through your mind, how good eating habits are and how important fitness is," Dan said.

For each player there's different goals not only for the team but also as an individual.

"Batting a 300 average would be a goal I would like to reach someday," Jeff added.

"I think it's everyone's goal to win the Duneland Conference and then maybe go to state as a team and my personal goal is to participate in college baseball sometime in the future," Erik stated.

Within every team there are memories that will last a lifetime and baseball is no major exception to the rule.

"My junior year is one I'll never forget because we beat LaPorte with the score 1 - 0," Jeff recalled.

"The team's brotherhood and closeness will be one thing I'll always remember because we always stuck together through thick and thin," Dan concluded.

... Kelly Crowe



Varsity Boys Baseball Front Row: Cruz Rosales, Jamie Miles, Jeff Chadwick, Rolando Soto, Adam Bell. Row 2: Roger Peele, Dave VanWeeren, Daymon Johnston, Walter Fultz, Dan Schultz. Back Row: Coach Tom Levandowski, Jim Clarida, Chris Jones, Ryan Fenters, Eric Fancher, Steve Blanton, Joe Kovats, Coach Jeff Smith.



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Junior Dan Shultz bends a little at the knees to try to knock this one out of the park. Dan along with the other junior members on the team, were among the few underclassmen to make the Varsity Baseball team.



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hrowing the pitch, varsity pitcher senior Steve Blanton concentrates on the center of the strike zone. Steve has been on the Varsity team for two years and also a pitcher during his four year career as a baseball player at PHS.

Varsity Record: 12-14

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5	Hammond High	0	1	Chickering	2
0	Merrillville	1	1	M.C. Rogers	2
1	Chesterton	1	17	C.J. Wain	4
6	Munster	1	6	Valparaiso	4
13	M.C. Rogers	1	2	Crown Point	1
11	Kankakee	10	6	Kokomo	13
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7	Crown Point	2	0	St. Josephs	8
5	Lake Central	1	1	Hobart	4
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enior Ryan Fenters makes the play with a pop fly caught in left field. The team finished with a record of 12-16.

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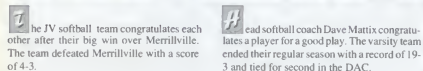
eniors Steve Blanton and Jim Clarida discuss the plays with each other for a better chance of striking out the opposing side's players. Seniors played their last game June 4.

2 Junior Kelly Knapp attempts to score a homerun against a tough Valpo pitcher. The team beat Valpo with a score of 11-2.



2 The JV softball team congratulates each other after their big win over Merrillville. The team defeated Merrillville with a score of 4-3.

2 Head softball coach Dave Mattox congratulates a player for a good play. The varsity team ended their regular season with a record of 19-3 and tied for second in the DAC.



2 Senior Debbie Haskell throws the ball across the field in hopes of getting a Hobart opponent out at first. The team defeated Hobart with a score of 11-1.



Stealing A Winning Season

The JV and Varsity softball teams worked hard together through a tough season as a team to prove that they were not inferior to baseball by finishing a winning season

America's favorite pastime has always been baseball, but along with baseball comes the ever so popular sport of softball. SOFTBALL? Yes, softball, but do not judge the sport by the name. According to the JV and Varsity Softball team the only difference is the size of the balls.

"I really do not see the difference between the two except that the ball is bigger in softball. All the other parts are the same to me," sophomore Elizabeth Garner said.

Jamie Hamilton, junior, said "I think that softball is harder because when you pitch in baseball you pitch over-hand but in softball you have to pitch underhand so it is harder to control sometimes."

When the words "girls playing sports" are heard, the main reaction is "Oh! I don't want to break a nail or mess up my hair." WRONG!! When game time came these girls have to ready to get down and dirty.

"I am not afraid to get dirty, you really do not think of that while you are out on the field or during practice. The only thing that goes through your head is winning the game and doing anything for the win," senior Debbie Haskell said.

"I really do not care if I get dirty since your whole body is covered with clothing; so it is not like your whole body is filthy, and if you are dirty, all you have to do is shower up after the game," Lizzie said.

Some people would run away from a ball charging after them while at the plate, but when it comes to batting, the ball does not phase these girls.

"I have been playing softball for a long time now so I kind of got use to it but even when I was younger I was not afraid of it because the pitcher should have enough control not to hit you and it is not like she is out there to crack you over the head with the ball," Lori Norman, senior, said.

Although the girls try their best to win, sometimes the best came up short from the victory.

"It was really disappointing when you think you are going to win because of how good you are playing but all of a sudden you lose the game," sophomore Michelle Revoir said.

"If you lose one game you try to redeem yourself and win the next and try not to let the loss stick in your head; you have to concentrate on the present game," Lori said.

While it is a natural reaction to be down when a loss is added on to the season record, it is also natural to celebrate after a win.

Kelly Knapp, junior, said, "It was really great when we beat Merrillville. They were ranked third and they were also the defending state champs. We hung in there until the last inning and fought back. We felt so great!"

"I love it when we win a game because you know that after all the hardwork you finally have something to scream about," Debbie said.

One major element of a team is unity and that is one thing the team did have through the season.

"When a teammate has a good hit or makes a good play in the field you are happy for that player and the team and I love it when the crowd gets into it because it gets you pumped up," Lori said.

Comparing baseball and softball is tough, but as anyone can see, the girls softball team proved that they were far from inferior by finishing the regular season with an overall record of 19-3 and tied for second in the Duneland Athletic Conference.

... Jason Alaniz



JV Softball- Front Row: Sarah Natalie, Karin Zurcher, Esther Torrez, Mary Mazurek. Row 2: Marissa Anderson, Crystal Cannon, Michelle Revoir, Jennifer Pollard, Kim Gorgei. Back Row: Cyndi Hatala, Mary Collins, Shana Pollock, Lizzie Garner, Korney Reynolds, Christy Ramian.



Varsity Softball- Front Row: Tiffany Mendezibal, Kelly McAllister, Lori Norman, Lisa Fain, Jamie Hamilton. Row 2: Christy Lovings, Kaie Hatala, Salina Viera, Cyndi Hatala, Kari Vrska, Jennifer Martinez. Back Row: Angela McWhinther, Kari Wiseman, Debbie Haskell, Missy Fekete, Tina Shaw, Heather Gapsinski.

Artistry on the court

Junior Varsity and Varsity Girls Tennis team still had a victorious season even though the team was a lot smaller than those in the previous years

The girl's tennis team proved that it's quality, not quantity, that really counts. The 20 member team was much smaller than in previous years, but they still played a great season even though the small team made somewhat of a difference to their success.

The girls practiced hard, with a typical practice consisting of running, drills and playing matches with teammates. The team also got in shape before tryouts by running, aerobizing and weight training. These activities were just a small portion of preparing for their season and training.

Team members were pleased with their performance. Members of the team were also pleased with the team unity as well the friendships gained throughout the season.

Junior Kara Kitchell said, "I think we all have improved tremendously since last year; we should end the season on a more positive note than last season."

Senior Vanessa Murrow said, "I think we've done really well this year.

We've pulled together as a team and we're playing up to our expected potential. The teammates and the coach helped out a lot, too. They pushed you to do your very best."

"We all have a lot of fun just being on the team. I really like tennis a lot, and I think teamwork has made us a better team overall. This has made the individuals on the team better as a whole."

Later Vanessa added, "This was one of the best years for me. I also think Mr. Cook helped me improve on my game."

Senior Lisa Manna said, "So far we're doing good. We all have gotten along really well and we are really psyched to win sectionals this year."

Junior Dana Floyd also felt the team did well. She joined the team to compete in a sport she enjoyed and to be close to her friends.

Dana said the best part of the season was, "The closeness between all of the varsity players and the bus rides with the Murrows."

Lisa said the best moment was

"When Erika Murrow was laughing so hard she almost choked to death on an orange on our way to LaPorte. We all thought she was joking until her face started turning blue and she couldn't breathe."

The season had many highlights, but one of the memorable moments was when senior Lisa Manna beat Merrillville in doubles.

Junior Dawn Fessler also agreed with this saying, "The season highlight was definitely when Lisa Manna beat the Merrillville number one doubles team which pulled our doubles team up to number one."

Along with the season highlights came some low points.

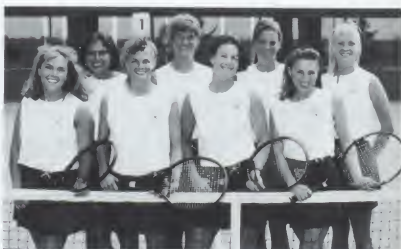
Dawn added, "Losing to Andrean was our lowest point of the season. It seemed like after we lost to them it was all downhill from there."

Senior players said they would leave the team with positive memories about their wonderful experiences and underclassmen team members hope that next year they will see another great season for the team.

... Jenny Johns



JV Girls Tennis Row 1: Bridgette Swab, Natalie Vasquez, Shannon Intes, Kim Jakob, Missy Mongoven Row 2: Amanda Munoz, Jacqueline Van Vleet, Jill Murray, Jessica Hufford, Sarah Murphy.



Varsity Tennis Row 1: Kara Kitchell, Kristy Terwilliger, Lisa Manna, Dana Floyd. Row 2: Shital Sheth, Vanessa Murrow, Erika Murrow, Dawn Fessler.



Sophomore Jennifer Sherriff lunges at the ball attempting to use her backhand to force the ball over the net.



Head coach Mr. Rodney Cook gives a few pointers on how to improve your forehand to freshman Jenny DeLeon. This was the first year as head coach for Mr. Cook.



Junior Dawn Fessler watches the ball as she gets ready to return the ball to her opponent. Fessler was the number three varsity singles player.



Senior Shital Sheth crushes the ball with a vicious forehand leaving her opponent sprawling to the ground. Sheth was the number two singles player.



Senior Cyrus Gilbert dribbles the ball down the field in hopes of scoring a goal against a tough Munster team. The JV team won with a score of 5-3.



Senior Aaron Rhame protects the goal against a tough Valpo team. Portage won the game in overtime with a close score of 5-4.



Senior Jessie Mendez makes his way across the field with the ball while senior John Vuko watches out for the opposing Andean team. The team lost a close match with a score of 1-0.



Senior Adam Branham concentrates on getting the ball down to the other end of the field to score a goal against the Munster team. The two Varsity teams tied with a score of 3-3.



Kicking For Team Spirit

Both JV and Varsity soccer teams made an attempt to keep the team strong with team unity while working hard to achieve individual goals and make aspirations come true

Soccer took a lot of hard work, practice and a lot of dedication. It also took something special inside of each player to make them want to play.

Bob Brockway, senior, said, "Soccer was a natural high for me."

"My love for the game made me play," Bryan McCulloch, senior, said. "I love the competition and I love to win."

Senior Joe Timmons pointed out that soccer is the only sport where you can kick someone and get away with it.

As in all sports, soccer took hard work and determination too.

"Concentrating on everything we had to do on and off the field physically as well as mentally was the hardest part of the season," senior Shawn Enstrom said.

Joe also added the constant running. "You had to have physical and mental preparation to play the game."

Along with determination and hard work, the team also needed goals. Every player had a goal of their own while the team had one goal. That goal was to win the Northern Cup.

Senior Tony Galati said, "My goal was to win the Northern Cup. This

was my senior year and my very last chance to win."

Almost all of the players agreed with Tony; however, along with that goal, some players had others.

"To start Varsity and to score at least one goal was my goal," Shawn said. "So far I've started but my goals have not really been reached yet."

When players set goals for themselves, highlights are soon to follow. Whether the goals are big or small, the highlights are always special.

McCulloch said, "My most memorable part of the season was winning the St. Joseph's soccer tournament."

"Scoring the winning goal in overtime against Chesterton was one of my highlights," Tony said. He also added that it was one of the biggest goals of his career.

As for Bob, he said, "I am not sure, my career isn't over yet and I still have time to do something really outstanding."

On the other hand, these goals and highlights would not be able to be accomplished if the team had no unity. To win, a team must be able to work together and get along and the players must stand together through the

good and the bad.

"I achieved team unity through positive criticism," Bryan said. "If someone talks to someone negatively they will not listen. If someone talks positively, that person will more than likely do better and will probably listen to you more often."

Shawn said, "Team unity is something that the team lacked this year. We had way too much negativity and selfishness. The team could have been one of the best teams ever in Portage if we could have resolved that one problem. Hopefully the team next year will do better with team unity."

Joe said, "You have to like everyone and get along with everyone on your team at all times. You can't fight and argue with each other because it builds tension and it would soon break your concentration from the game."

After high school the team will go their own ways. Most will go to college, but as long as the entire team keeps their desire to play soccer, along with their hard work and dedication, they will always remain a team.

...Brian Graves



JV Soccer-Front Row: Tim Galati, Ed Reckenwall **Row 2:** Chris Ward, Todd Strom, Pat Sanchez, Alfredo Rodriguez, Luke Weinman, Dennis Odisho, Marco Covarubius. **Back Row:** Coach Bob Larime, Donald Woodke, Tim O'Neal, Bob Billick, David Rodlich, Mike Rodlich, Chris Torres, Mike Deleon, Jeremy O'Neal, Matt Yoder.



Varsity Soccer-Front Row: Aaron Rhame, Alejandro Gutierrez. **Row 2:** Jim Bolint, Aaron Reynolds, Bryan McCulloch, Joe Timmons, Cyrus Gilbert, Shawn Enstrom, Marc Morales. **Back Row:** Coach Jim Green, Damon Wasilewski, Scott Garzella, John Yuko, Mark Gruchowski, Jeff Lay, Bob Brockway, Jessie Mendez, Adam Branham, Jeremy Barker, Tony Galati.

Racing To Victory

Both girls and boys track teams ran a tough season running through obstacles such as team unity, however, both managed to finish a respectable season

Discus, highjump, hurdles and the mile relay are all parts of one sport, track. It takes a lot of different people to make up a complete team.

Track also takes more than just talent to compete, it takes a love for the sport.

"I love the high jump because it's a challenge. Also, it takes a lot of concentration to make a perfect jump," Yvonne Jaime, junior, said.

Sophomore Jeremy Disser said, "It's a challenge to me because not being as fast as the other guys it made me have to work harder."

Track is composed of many different events, but there are favorite teams and also favorite competitions of the team members.

"My best competition is Lew Wallace, Tara Flugal from Rogers and Laporte," Denise Lilly, junior, said.

Ricky Littlefield, sophomore, said, "My best event is the 4x400 and the 400 run. I usually do the best in those."

With every sport there needs to be a lot of discipline and hard work to accomplish the goals set by the team.

Coaches are a very important part of any sports team but they aren't always there for some team members.

"My coaches, in my eyes, do not care as much as they should for the team except for Mr. White who doesn't coach me. I basically go out to practice and do whatever I want. I never have anyone there to tell me what I'm doing wrong," Denise said.

There is a varying opinion about the coaches between girl's and boy's coaches.

"I think we have pretty good coaches because they always encourage us to be a team and to stick together," Jeremy said.

With the varying opinions by the team, some coaches who did help may be missed.

"Our coaches were great, but we're really going to miss Coach Milteer, he really helped pull us together," Ricky said.

"With every sport there are goals that are set. An obstacle for me was getting in shape for the team," Ricky said.

"The toughest obstacle I had to face is when you want to do some-

thing and having the ability to do it but the mental block won't let you. Also I think my goals are just to be the best I can be and to not be afraid of anything. Another hard aspect of track was that we did not have a team that worked hard together. The distance runners and the sprinters are totally separated. This year I felt that track was a totally individual sport because there was no team unity," Ricky continued.

This has been the best season for some and the worst for others.

"The best thing about track is how you learn to push yourself. I met my main goal this year and that was to break the school record for the highjump. My new goal for track is to make it to state next year," Yvonne said.

"The thing I like most about track is the competition between schools and the worst thing is not having coaches that care and push you to the limit," Denise said.

For track it's been a good year, but there is a lot of hard work in track and it's more than just running.

... Amanda Falck



Boys Track - Front Row: Ken Tamm, Michael Kepley, Aaron Galindo, Eric Jaso, Tuan Nguyen, Ken Crews, Chris Westerkamp, Justin Sawicki, Byron Chandler. **Row 2:** Mike Little, David Newton, Jason Skolok, Mike Foley, Nick Munoz, Jeremy Connor, Tom Taylor, Brandon Miller, Donovan McKiddy, Rick Littlefield, Eric Rajski. **Row 3:** Ryan Korn, Dave Brinkaker, Tom Sosa, Adam Trinks, Dan Shirley, Jason Mauck, Brad Gary, Mike Baker, Alan Kane, Jeff Pann, Rashad Ibrahim, Steve Lago. **Row 4:** Frank Esposito, Rob McKay, James Cantrell, Ryan Goddowski, Shawn Fidler, Dan Slaughter, Chad Huffman, Sean Connor, Jerome Dwyer, Doug Samuel. **Row 5:** Carl Morris, Will Connors, Kevin Shaw, Terry Wampler, David Warren, Mike Guth, Luke Jenley, Rick Baugh, Sean McConnell, Jason Rice, Jeremy Lewis. **Back Row:** Coach Tom Milteer, James Bravener, Chris Spurrer, Chet Turner, Tom Overby, Eric Hart, Brian Graves, Erich Strausbaugh, Mike Jaso, Dave Skolok, John Berry, Coach John Kappes.



Girls Track - Front Row: Laurie Crockett, Beth Kozrowski, Michelle Oliveira, Tracy Szwedek, Yvonne Jaime, Jennifer Fisher, Jennifer Buerger, Christina Garcia, Amber Ruyter, Gia Fornan, Denise Lilly, Mandy Miotke. **Row 2:** Kristen Cunningham, Jill Kozrowski, Yvette Menendez, Michelle Lilly, Megan Gerkin, Sydney Hodson, Joy Krejci, Becky Easton, Elisabeth Orsolin. **Row 3:** Cristina Chandler, Angie Zokowski, Kay Ostarag, Jenny Siegal, Sarah Newhall, Connie Dickson, Mandy Witt, Becki Pelke. **Back Row:** Jill Stevenson, Christy Menendez, Delle Boyle, Debbie Warren, Jenene Stafford, Mandy Cichowicz, Anne Crockett, Theresa Hazzard.



5 sophomore Jennifer Buerger makes her way to the finish line as she takes first place in the 100 meter dash defeating Hobart and Valpo in the sectional meet.



7 junior Mike Jaso attempts to pass a Chesterton opponent on the 110 meter high hurdles in the conference meet. The team placed first at conference and second at sectionals.



7 junior Michelle Olivincia uses all of her effort as she crosses the finish line in the two mile run. Michelle was voted most valuable runner by the girls track team.

5 senior Byron Chandler hands off the baton to sophomore Aaron Galindo in the 3200 meter relay. The relay team placed second at conference and sectionals.

Price Busting

School isn't the only important part of life. Today, students are busting through the books and busting into the community for a part time job. Ever since students can remember, someone was always saying to them prepare for the "real world" but, what does the "real world" actually mean?

To some students, getting a part time job after school and learning some responsibility is just that. Not only are students busting through the community working, they are also bringing business to the "real world" like during Football games, Homecoming Parades and fundraisers. Businesses not only provide students with jobs, they also sponsor most school activities.

Whether students are Busting the Bank to save up for a car, or working to pay off those school debts, working can be a big step when busting through the "real world."



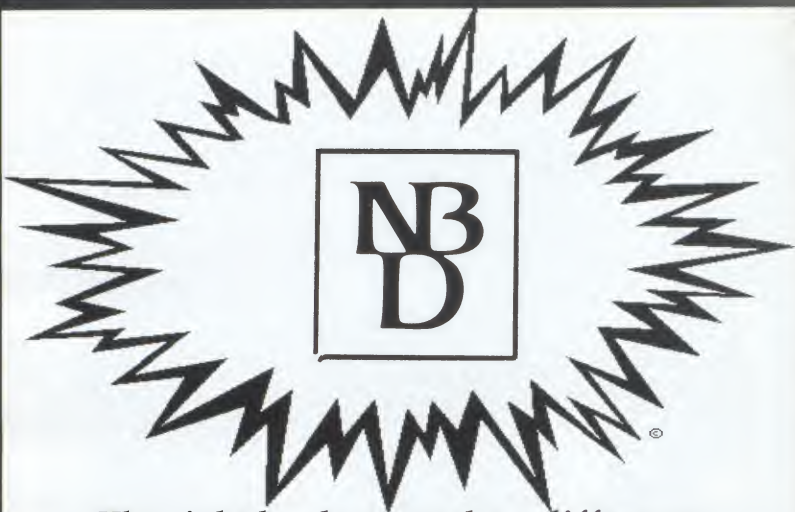
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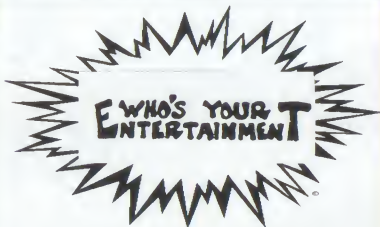
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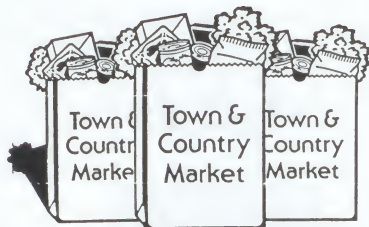
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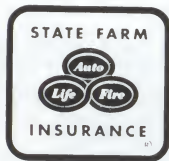
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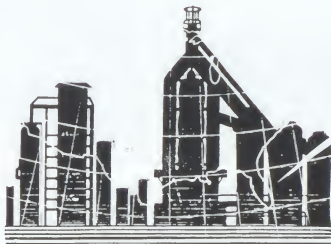
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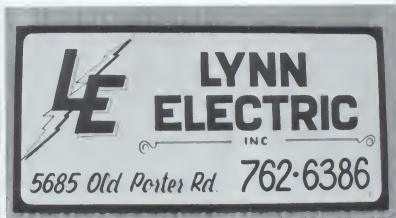
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At Last

Memories that were made and events that took place will last a life time for all of the members of PHS. The favorite teachers and building will be here for another few years for many to come back and visit. Students volunteered time after school to help clubs sponsor a highway clean-up on Route 6. The spring musical "Annie" held auditions for Sandy, the famous mut and actually put a live dog in the play. At state competition, concert orchestra played and got a high score of 9.5, the highest that Portage has ever brought home. The football team won sectionals bringing home another victory. The administration called school off for severe cold weather, but students had to make those lazy days up in June. The community got the addition of the Super K shopping center to make one stop shopping a convenience. Portage just seems to bust out with new ideas and many innovations each and every year.



Mr. Forrest L. Rhode takes over the podium as Senior Class President DeeDee Rodriguez leaves to take her seat after delivering a speech to her classmates. During her speech, DeeDee unveiled the 1994 Hall of Fame and the trees donated from the senior class.



Varsity football player Chris Shaeffer is congratulated by teammate Kent Fisher as he steps forward to accept his award for being the cutest baby during Fall Homecoming. Varsity football players brought their baby pictures in for students to vote for the cutest one.



Hard practice and determination are some of the key elements tennis players live by. Three year varsity tennis player Jon Lukowski practiced many days after school to help lead his team to an 18-1 season.

A softball player swings at a low pitch and misses the ball for a strike. Many players bring back morale by hitting the ball for a base.



Looking seriously at her diploma insert, senior Martha Gonzalez reflects on her senior year. Seniors were presented with their covers during the actual graduation ceremony and then received their diploma inserts afterward from their guidance counselors and various teachers.

Busting



Loose

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has become a major employer in the UK, and its growth has been a major factor in the overall growth of the economy.

The public sector has also become a major employer of women. In 1980, women made up 40% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 50%. This increase in the number of women in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of women in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people with disabilities. In 1980, people with disabilities made up 1% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 3%. This increase in the number of people with disabilities in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people with disabilities in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people from ethnic minorities. In 1980, people from ethnic minorities made up 1% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 3%. This increase in the number of people from ethnic minorities in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people from ethnic minorities in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are over 50 years of age. In 1980, people over 50 years of age made up 1% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 3%. This increase in the number of people over 50 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people over 50 years of age in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are under 25 years of age. In 1980, people under 25 years of age made up 1% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 3%. This increase in the number of people under 25 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people under 25 years of age in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are over 65 years of age. In 1980, people over 65 years of age made up 1% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 3%. This increase in the number of people over 65 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people over 65 years of age in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are under 16 years of age. In 1980, people under 16 years of age made up 1% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 3%. This increase in the number of people under 16 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people under 16 years of age in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are over 75 years of age. In 1980, people over 75 years of age made up 1% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 3%. This increase in the number of people over 75 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people over 75 years of age in the workforce.

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has also become an important employer of women, with 50% of public sector employees being women in 1995, compared with 40% in 1980.

There are a number of reasons why the public sector has become an important employer of women. One reason is that the public sector has a high proportion of jobs that are traditionally held by women, such as teaching, nursing, and social work. Another reason is that the public sector has a high proportion of jobs that are part-time or flexible, which are more likely to be held by women.

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Colophon

The 1994 Legend was produced during one class period and after school.

The 1994 Legend was printed by Jostens in State College, Pa. Serving as sales representative was Mr. Mike Hackleman and our plant consultant was Yvette Freeman.

The book contained 240 pages. The 1400 books were printed on 80 lb. gloss paper. The cover was designed with the help of a Jostens professional artist, Robert Eyster. A large portion of the body copy was set in 10 pt. Times and most captions are in 8 pt. IDs are in 8 pt. and headlines are primarily in 36 pt. The primary type used in the book is Times and Reporter Two.

The book was produced entirely on the Macintosh computers using the Yeartech program.

Halterman, 711 W. Joliet, Ottawa, IL, was the official school photographer. They produced portraits, some candid and group shots. Other sports group photos were taken by Mr. Jerry Alderson. Remaining photos were produced in the publications darkroom by members of the photography staff.

The book was distributed in the fall of '94. It was sold at registration for \$15. During the school year it was sold for \$18 and at distribution it was sold for \$25.

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